

130 Lebanese die in November

BEIRUT (R) — Violence in Lebanon claimed 130 lives last month, the lowest death toll since January's count of 73 and well below the October figure of 385, security, hospital and militia sources said Sunday. At least 65 people were killed in five days of bitter street fighting between Druze and Shiite Muslim militias in west Beirut. Thirteen died in clashes across the "Green Line" battlefield dividing the capital. Four were killed in a car bomb explosion at a monastery in the Christian suburb of Awkar aimed at right-wing Falangist leaders meeting there. Twenty-two people died in non-political violence.

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Gandhi returns home to face crisis

NEW DELHI (R) — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi returned home on Sunday to a new crisis in Punjab over attacks by separatists and called on the state's Sikh government to deal more ruthlessly with extremists. As soon as he stepped off his plane from visits to Vietnam and Japan, Mr. Gandhi was briefed by security officials about attacks in which three people died and five were wounded in the past 24 hours (See page 8). He criticised Punjab's Akali Dal government for releasing hundreds of extremist suspects rounded up when the Indian army stormed the Sikh's holiest shrine the Golden Temple in Amritsar in June 1984. "I am not happy with the indiscriminate release of persons arrested," Mr. Gandhi told reporters. "It is not a case of individuals. What is more damaging is the softening of the atmosphere towards terrorists," Mr. Gandhi said.

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Somali minister due in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Somali Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mohammed Ali Mahmoud is due here on Monday on a visit to Jordan during which he will meet with a number of senior officials. Mr. Mahmoud's talks here are expected to focus on bilateral relations as well as international issues of common interest.

Wu to visit Jordan later this month

AMMAN (R) — Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian will pay a three-day official visit to Jordan during a four-nation regional tour later this month, Chinese embassy sources said Sunday. Mr. Wu will arrive in Amman on Dec. 13 after visiting the United Arab Emirates and Iraq, then travel to Syria before returning home, the sources said. This will be the first visit to Jordan by a Chinese foreign minister.

Syrian premier arrives in Tehran

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Syrian Premier Abdul Raouf Al Kassi arrived in Tehran on Sunday to become the highest ranking Syrian official to visit Iran since the overthrow of the monarchy six years ago, the official Iranian news agency, IRNA, said. Iranian Prime Minister Hossein Mousavi, who had extended an invitation to Dr. Kassi for an official visit, welcomed the Syrian delegation at the airport, IRNA added. The delegation accompanying Dr. Kassi includes Deputy Premier Salim Yassin, Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara'a, Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammad Al Inadi and other senior officials.

Iraq honours victims of war

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq held nationwide ceremonies on Sunday to commemorate Gulf war victims with dawn prayers in mosques, church bells and loudspeaker invocations from hundreds of minarets. Government offices, schools, colleges and factories held meetings to mark Martyrs Day, honouring those killed in the war with Iran. Traffic throughout the country halted for five minutes at eight a.m. and drivers stood, heads bowed, in a mark of respect.

Iran to boost defence spending

LONDON (R) — Iran plans to boost its defence spending by 12.5 per cent in 1986-87 and much of the extra cash will be used to build up the country's defence industries, Tehran Radio said on Sunday. The radio reported that Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi presented the new \$78.5 billion budget to the Majlis (parliament). Western military analysts say they estimate that Iran spent about \$17.3 billion on defence in 1983-84, up from \$15.5 billion in 1982-83. Current figures are not available.

Israel apologises to U.S. over spying case

Shultz 'wholeheartedly' welcomes apology

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Prime Minister Shimon Peres' government on Sunday apologised to the United States over the case of a U.S. navy analyst accused of spying for Israel.

A government statement promised to take action against those responsible and to disband the intelligence unit involved if an investigation proved suspicious that Israel had used the American navy intelligence expert Jonathan J. Pollard to spy on the United States.

"If there was such activity it was wrong and the government of Israel apologises for it," said a statement read to reporters by Cabinet Secretary Yossi Beilin and broadcast live on Israel Radio.

According to a senior Western source quoted by Reuters, two top Israeli officials were flying to Washington for talks expected to focus on the Pollard case.

Pollard, a U.S. navy intelligence analyst, was arrested in the United States on espionage charges last month.

The 31-year-old Jewish-American was alleged in a court hearing last week to have passed documents to Israel on the weaponry and intelligence-gathering

systems of foreign countries.

Beilin told reporters on Sunday: "Spying on the United States is against our policy and such activity, to the extent that it did take place, was wrong and the government of Israel apologises."

"The unit involved in this activity will be completely and permanently dismantled and necessary organisational steps will be taken to assure that such activities are not repeated."

He said Israel's government was "determined not to spare any effort" in investigating the incident and revealing all the facts "regardless of where they lead."

"The government promises the United States that following the probe if the allegations are confirmed those responsible will be brought to account," said Beilin.

He went on to say that if the investigation proved that Israeli officials were engaged in spying on the United States then the intelligence unit involved would be permanently disbanded.

"Necessary organisational steps would be taken to make sure such actions were not repeated," he said.

Beilin refused to answer reporters' questions. Reports that the Pollard affair had created tension between Israel and the United States were played down last week by the U.S. embassy and Prime Minister Peres said President Reagan had assured him in a message that relations remained close.

Washington has asked Israel to hand over all documents bought from Pollard and allow American investigators to question two diplomats recalled from the United States by Israel after Pollard's arrest.

The diplomats, who are believed to be linked to Pollard, flew home to Israel on Wednesday. Israeli leaders promised cooperation with Washington but American officials had complained that the Israelis were not forthcoming.

Later in Houston, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said the United States wholeheartedly welcomed Israel's apology.

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No signs seen of any let-up in Egypt-Libya border tension

CAIRO (Agencies) — There was no sign of any let-up on Sunday in Egyptian-Libyan tension after Egyptian Prime Minister Ali Lutfi said on Saturday that Cairo was seeking evidence of Libya's links with the hijacking of an Egyptian airliner and Libyan leader Muammar Jadhafi said Libya was facing a challenge on its borders.

Military commanders put their units in western Egypt on alert after gunshots, believed by Egyptians to be backed by Libya, hijacked an Egyptian airliner to Malta.

The hijack ended in a bloodbath with 59 people killed when Egyptian commandos stormed the Boeing 737 at Valletta's Luqa airport a week ago.

Egyptian officials say border security has been stepped up since the hijack for defensive purposes and deny Libyan charges that Cairo is preparing for war. There was no indication here on Sunday that any military action was imminent.

But western diplomats do not

rule out Egyptian retaliation if investigations by Egypt and Malta establish a clear Libyan involvement in the hijack.

Prime Minister Lutfi said Saturday his government would do its utmost to prove Libyan involvement in the hijacking.

In an address to parliament, Mr. Lutfi appeared to rule out immediate military action when he said: "We are not warmongers, but when the suitable time comes Egypt will have a decisive stand because we cannot forgive this crime."

Mr. Lutfi declared: "The government will use all means to verify the evidence it has not only to punish the culprits but to protect the lives of Egyptians inside the country and abroad."

Among the evidence pointing to Libyan involvement was that a Tunisian passport holder identified by survivors as one of the hijackers, had lived in Libya. He gave no further details.

The pilot of the hijacked plane said Saturday night he believed a

second hijacker had survived and was receiving treatment in a Maltese hospital after suffering a nervous breakdown (See page 2).

The U.S. embassy declined comment on Sunday on published reports that American advisers took part in the commando assault on the hijacked jetliner.

The Washington Post and the New York Times quoted unidentified sources as saying at least two American military officers provided technical assistance to the Egyptian commandos.

In Cairo, an embassy spokesman refused to discuss the reports and referred all questions to Washington.

In Tripoli, Colonel Jadhafi told visiting Polish Communist leader Wojciech Jaruzelski Libya faces "an imperialist-reactionary challenge at its borders," Libyan Radio reported.

The Radio quoted Col. Jadhafi as saying in talks with Gen. Jaruzelski in Tripoli Saturday night:

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Arafat sees no solution in sight

ABU DHABI (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said in an interview published on Sunday there was no peaceful settlement in sight to the Middle East problem.

"Anyone who thinks there is a settlement in the foreseeable future is imagining. We are not those who build castles in the sand," Mr. Arafat told Al Itihad newspaper. He called on Arab states to help Egypt overcome its economic problems and resume full relations with them.

Commenting on Egypt's campaign to solicit public donations to help repay its giant debt, Mr. Arafat said: "We call on all Arabs to participate in this national campaign."

In Khartoum, meanwhile, a PLO official said the PLO has responded to a Sudanese offer to base its headquarters in Khartoum.

About Rajai, head of the PLO office in Khartoum, told newsmen Mr. Arafat discussed the offer in a letter sent on Sunday to Sudanese head of state Abdul Rahman Swahid.

The PLO official described the letter as positive but did not elaborate.

The offer followed the bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunis by Israeli planes on Oct. 1.

Murphy arrives in Iraq after talks in Damascus

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy flew in Sunday to brief the Iraqi leadership on the outcome of the recent superpower summit in Geneva.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported his arrival without elaborating. It only said Mr. Murphy was received by Wissam Zuhairi, the Iraqi Foreign Ministry under-secretary.

U.S. embassy officials refused to comment on the visit.

A reliable source, who refused to be identified, told the AP Mr. Murphy was expected to brief

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz on the outcome of the Geneva summit talks between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. He did not disclose further details.

The U.S. envoy arrived here from Damascus after talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad. Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara'a.

Mr. Murphy's present Middle East tour has also taken him to Egypt, Jordan and Israel.

Israeli warplanes fly over Beirut and Sidon

BEIRUT (R) — Israeli warplanes on Sunday broke the sound barrier over Beirut and flew low over the southern port of Sidon, where they dropped thermal balloons designed to deflect heat-seeking missiles, security sources said.

No ground fire was reported. Israeli reconnaissance flights over Lebanon have been stepped up since a dogfight with Syrian planes near the Syrian-Lebanese border on Nov. 19.

Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Jumblatt arrived in Damascus on Sunday to discuss how to restore order in Beirut, where his men battled Shiite Amal militia fighters for five days last month; PSP radio

said.

The fighting killed 68 people in the city's western sector and exposed cracks in the formal alliance, professed by the two groups.

Political observers say the Amal-PSP alliance is vital for Syria's current efforts to end Lebanon's civil war through an agreement between rival militias.

An accord, due to have been sealed in Damascus on Nov. 3, was held up by Christian objections to reforms that would have ended their traditional political dominance.

Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam has held talks with militia representatives in the last few days.



ROYAL GIFT FOR HANDICAPPED: Fourteen specially-equipped vehicles were presented by His Majesty King Hussein to 14 handicapped persons in Jordan on Sunday. The vehicles were handed over

to the beneficiaries at a presentation ceremony attended by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Khalid and Labour and Social Development Minister Khalid Al Haj Hassan (see story on page 3)

Common Market ministers fail to agree on charter revision

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Common Market foreign ministers, meeting on Sunday on the eve of a 12-nation summit, failed to agree on a plan for revising the trading bloc's founding charter, officials said.

Proposed changes in the charter, aimed at making the Common Market work better, are expected to be the dominant topic of discussion at the two-day Luxembourg summit.

Jacques Poos, the Luxembourg foreign minister who led the discussions, told reporters afterward that despite the deadlock, he detected a "spirit of cooperation that augurs well" for the final Common Market summit of 1985, which opens Monday morning.

The foreign ministers from the 10 Common Market countries, plus Spain and Portugal, began meeting Saturday evening in a last-ditch attempt to agree on a package of proposed amendments to the Treaty of Rome that established the European Community, or Common Market, in 1957.

Among the most hotly disputed changes sought is a requirement for more use of majority voting in the Common Market on measures to speed up the removal of barriers to free movement of goods and services.

That proposal is perhaps the most important since the current voting system, in which any one nation can block a policy initiative, is expected to become even more unwieldy once Spain and Portugal join the group on Jan. 1, 1986.

While most of the nations agree that decision-making must be quickened, they disagree on how — and even if — this should be enshrined in the legally binding Rome treaty.

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"European industry has an urgent need that a clear signal be given" on creation of a truly Common Market, the telegram said.

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Among the industrialists whose signatures were on the telegram were Humberto Agnelli, chairman of Italy's Fiat SPA, and Wolfgang Hilger, chairman of Hoechst AG, a West German chemical concern.

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Israel decides to send team for talks on Taba

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — An Israeli government committee decided on Sunday to send a high-level negotiating team to Egypt to resume talks on a border dispute to northern Sinai. Israeli officials said.

The decision by the cabinet's foreign affairs and security committee came despite Israeli expressions of dissatisfaction with an Egyptian investigation into the killing of seven Israelis by an Egyptian policeman in Sinai on Oct. 5.

The officials, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity, said a three-member team would leave for the Egyptian capital of Cairo on Wednesday to resume talks over the 200-square-kilometre Taba beach.

A foreign ministry official identified the negotiators as its Director-General David Kimche, the director-general of Prime Minister Shimon Peres' office, Avraham Tamir, and army rep-

resentative, Brig.-Gen. Uri Tamor.

Hardliners led by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had opposed renewing discussions on Taba until Egypt delivered a full report on the Oct. 5 incident.

A Shamir aide said the foreign minister softened his stand after Egyptian Oil Minister Abdul Hadi Kandeel visited Israel last week and promised Cairo would deliver the report by the end of December.

Egypt cancelled the Taba talks two months ago in anger over Israel's bombing of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) headquarters in Tunis. Cairo recently indicated it wanted to renew the discussions.

Egypt demands arbitration by a third party to resolve sovereignty over the area. But Israel wants a further period of negotiation efforts before starting arbitration.

Surveys reportedly reveal oil in south Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Seismic surveys conducted by Iraqi teams have revealed the presence of oil in southern regions of Jordan, according to a report published by the Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily.

Sawt Al Shaab said that the Iraqi teams completed surveys in Wadi Araba, Al Lisan, Ghor Al Safi and Fiffa and results of the surveys were encouraging. The Iraqi teams are now conducting some surveys in the northern Jordan Valley region and will later move to regions in northern Jordan, the paper said. It said that the teams had been conducting the survey work in implementation of a protocol signed between Jordan and Iraq.

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Qalqilia remains under curfew

AMMAN (J.T.) — A curfew imposed by the Israeli authorities on the occupied West Bank town of Qalqilia since Saturday was still in force on Sunday, according to reports reaching here. The reports said that the Israeli authorities were pursuing a search-and-arrest campaign in the course of their arbitrary measures against the local population.

Reports said on Saturday Israeli troops opened fire on an Arab citizen from Galilee as he was walking along one of Qalqilia streets for allegedly failing to stop when ordered by the troops. The man was injured and taken to hospital, reports said. The Israelis imposed a curfew on the town following another incident in which an Israeli settler was shot and wounded by unidentified men. Israel Radio said Israeli troops immediately embarked on a search campaign and detained a number of citizens for questioning. The radio also reported that an explosive charge went off in Beesam in territories occupied since 1948 but did not report any injuries or other losses.

The Palestinian news agency, WAPA, reported that a general

strike will be staged by municipal and village councils on Monday in the territories occupied by Israel since 1948 to demonstrate their protest against financial difficulties and the attitude of the Israeli authorities.

The agency said that the open strike will affect all services except education. The decision to stage the strike was taken on Nov. 18 by a conference of local councils.

Kuwaiti premier undergoes surgery

KUWAIT (AP) — Crown Prince Sheikh Sa'ad Al Abdullah Al Sabah of Kuwait on Sunday had his gall bladder removed in a successful surgery at a London hospital, a government spokesman here reported. Sheikh Sa'ad, who doubles as prime minister, arrived in the British capital on Saturday, when he was subjected to "urgent medical checkup," the spokesman said in a statement distributed by the Kuwait News Agency. "The surgery was perfectly successful, and the crown prince-prime minister is in a stable condition," he added.

South Africans launch huge black-dominated labour federation; leader backs disinvestment

DURBAN, South Africa (R) — The black president of South Africa's huge new labour federation backed disinvestment on Monday and called on the government to scrap laws curbing the movement of black workers.

Elijah Barayi, from the powerful black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), was elected president at the launch this weekend of the radical 500,000-strong Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), the nation's highest workers' federation.

Mr. Barayi, was carried shoulder-high into a rugby stadium in the centre of this Indian Ocean city to give a militant address on the role of the new federation to an estimated 10,000 trade unionists, nearly all of them black.

In a strongly-worded attack on apartheid, he challenged Pre-

sident P.W. Botha to scrap within six months pass laws which curb the movement of blacks to cities seen as white territory.

He was applauded when he declared his support for campaigns to get foreign companies to withdraw investment from South Africa — a strategy which opponents say will hurt the black victims of apartheid more than the whites.

"COSATU is fully in favour of disinvestment," he said.

Political analysts say the formation of the federation is potentially the most important event in black politics in South Africa since the founding two years ago of the United Democratic Front, a two-million-strong group composed mainly of community organisations.

In a clear reference to Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, whose heartland of support is aro-

und Durban, Mr. Barayi attacked black leaders who toured overseas urging multi-national companies not to pull their money out of South Africa.

He also addressed remarks to a small group of policemen who watched the rally from a road overlooking the stadium. A man in plain clothes among the group filmed the proceedings.

Mr. Barayi drew laughter and applause as he pummed on the word "pass," which to black people here generally means a demand by police to inspect the document which all blacks must carry to prove they are entitled to be in a city.

"Those who are standing across there," said Mr. Barayi, pointing to the police, "they are going to be demanding the pass book from you... if they say 'pass' you must just go past."

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Investigators probe possibility of accomplice to Egyptair hijack

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — Investigators have said an accomplice may have helped smuggle weapons aboard the hijacked Egyptair jetliner, and the pilot said two hijackers survived the storming of the aircraft in Malta.

A Maltese police source said investigators suspected there might have been a helper at the Athens Airport or within the airline to help the hijackers smuggle their weapons aboard. Greek officials have suggested the pistols and grenades the gunmen used might have been placed in the plane in Cairo, where the flight originated.

"We have not excluded the possibility of an accomplice," the source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press. There have been conflicting reports on the number of hijackers, ranging from three to five.

One of the hijackers was captured alive and is in serious condition in St. Luke's Hospital in Valletta. The 20-year-old man has given his name as Omar Marzouki and claims he is Tunisian. Tunisian officials say Marzouki is not a Tunisian citizen.

In Cairo on Saturday, the pilot of the jetliner said a second sky pirate survived and is being treated at St. Luke's Hospital for a nervous breakdown.

Capt. Hani Galal commented in an interview with Egyptian television after returning from Malta with 11 other survivors. He said there were five hijackers. Three were killed in the Egyptian attack

and two survived. He did not give the name of the second survivor. Officials at the Valletta hospital declined comment on Capt. Galal's report. Capt. Galal made the comments in a late-night interview Saturday, and repeated calls to the Maltese government's spokesman went unanswered.

According to the police source, one hijacker might have escaped in the confusion when the commandos attacked the plane. He said there was no hard evidence to support that, however. "It seems most of the people who could really tell us something are dead," the source said.

In London, the Observer newspaper on Sunday identified the man who Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak says masterminded the hijacking as a top official of the radical Palestine National Salvation Front.

The liberal weekly said the man Mr. Mubarak was apparently referring to was Muhsin Abu Maizar, but in an interview with the newspaper in Tripoli, Libya, Abu Maizar denied there was Palestinian involvement in the hijack.

Mr. Mubarak and other Egyptian officials have accused Libya of instigating and financing the hijack and a group opposed to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, led

by Sabry Al Banna, codenamed Abu Nidal, of carrying it out. Libya has denied involvement.

The Maltese police source said officials are still trying to determine the hijackers' affiliation and nationality.

In another development, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said in an interview with a West German magazine published Saturday that the fanaticism of the hijackers ruled out the "waiting game" strategy credited with saving lives in other sky piracy incidents.

"These terrorists were, above all, determined. What would the world have said if we had passively allowed the passengers, the Europeans and Americans first, to be shot dead to the last person?" Mr. Abdul Meguid was quoted as saying by the magazine Der Spiegel.

"From the first moment, we tried to negotiate, for longer than 24 hours. We wanted to discuss demands and proposals for solutions. Then we learned the hijackers had begun to kill one passenger after another," Mr. Abdul Meguid said. "The hijackers' behaviour forced us into a speedy intervention."

The hijackers had shot two other Americans and two Israeli women and left them for dead. One of the Israelis is listed by hospital officials as clinically dead.

In its Sunday edition, the New York Times quoted unidentified sources in Washington and Cairo as saying at least two American

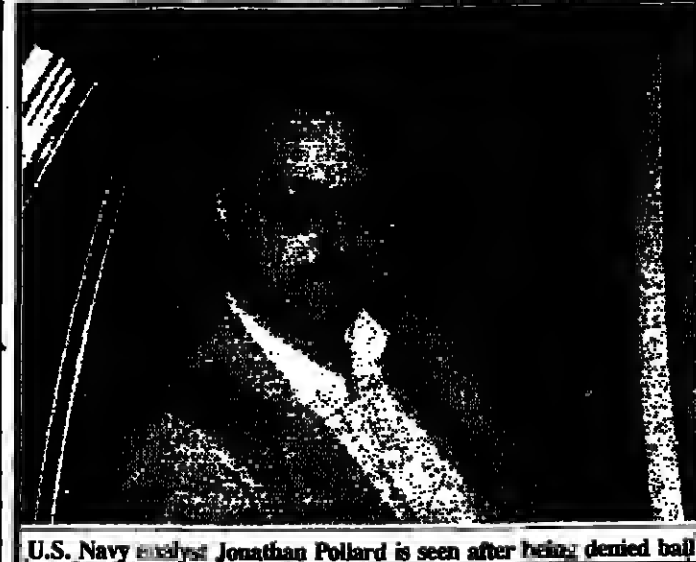
military officers provided technical assistance to the Egyptian commandos. It said the Americans, described by one source as senior officers, travelled to Malta on the Egyptian C-130 Hercules used to transport about 25 commandos for the assault.

White House Spokesman Mike Guest was asked about the report and he said, "I don't have anything on that." He told reporters in Washington the official U.S. position is "the Egyptians carried out the attack with the help of the Maltese."

The Washington Post, in its Sunday edition, quote an authoritative source close to the operation as saying the officers were from the U.S. military mission in Cairo, and that one of them was a general.

The source told the newspaper that they provided technical assistance, and that the arrival of the U.S. officers in full battle dress sparked an angry dispute between American and Maltese officials at the airport and may have contributed to the failure of Malta to allow in time another U.S. military team to come to aid the Egyptians.

The Post said other sources confirmed that a second U.S. military team had sought to fly to Malta from Europe to help the commandos but did not arrive in time because of the Maltese government's hesitation. Finally, Malta agreed to let them come, and the team was en route when the plane was stormed.



U.S. Navy analyst Jonathan Pollard is seen after being denied bail.

Israel apologises to U.S.

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Mr. Shultz told reporters while en route to a Caribbean stopover before visiting Columbia that Israel had assured Washington of its cooperation in determining the extent and manner of the operation in which Pollard sent U.S. secrets to Tel Aviv.

"This is an excellent statement," Mr. Shultz said. "We are satisfied by it and wholeheartedly welcome it."

Mr. Shultz added the rough passage in relations caused by the affair would strengthen ties between his country and Israel. The relationship would become "deeper and enriched and marked by greater mutual trust" as a result of the scandal, he said.

Mr. Shultz declined to comment on whether Israel would return the hundreds of documents Pollard is said to have given them.

"We welcome the statement of the government of Israel to work cooperatively with us to see this issue fully resolved," he said. "For our part we will work closely with the Israeli authorities so that both countries can expeditiously get to the bottom of the case and ensure that justice can be done."

Following is the official text of the Israeli announcement on Sunday.

"At the government meeting today the prime minister made the following statement regarding the alleged spy case:

"The government of Israel is determined to spare no effort in investigating this case thoroughly and completely and in uncovering all the facts to the last detail no matter where the trail may lead. The full inquiry is still incomplete and thus the government of Israel is not yet in possession of all the facts, but the inquiry is progressing vigorously."

"The government of Israel assures the government of the United States that in the wake of the inquiry, if the allegations are confirmed, those responsible will be brought to account, the unit involved in this activity will be completely and permanently dismantled and necessary organisational steps will be taken to ensure that such activities are not repeated."

"The relations with the United States are based on solid foundations of deep friendship, close affinity and mutual trust. Spying

on the United States stands in total contradiction to our policy. Such activity, to the extent that it did take place, was wrong and the government of Israel apologises. For the time being we have nothing further to say on this."

An Israeli official who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed that Menachem Miron, director-general of the Defence Ministry, had left for the United States as head of a defence team scheduled to hold talks on strategic cooperation.

Reports have said that Israeli diplomats controlling Pollard were part of a special Defence Ministry unit, but Israel Radio said there was no confirmation he would discuss the Pollard case.

A top American Jewish leader has criticised the Israeli government in an interview broadcast on Saturday for behaving foolishly in the case of the U.S. Navy spy.

The arrest of Pollard, and his wife on charges of selling secret information to Israel, has provoked fears of major damage to relations between the United States and Israel.

The recruitment of Pollard, an American Jew, by a secret Israeli intelligence operation also aroused fears that the nearly six million American Jews will be suspected of dangerous dual loyalties.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres' spokesman Uri Savir described as "utter nonsense and totally baseless" a report on ABC television news that Pollard had met Peres himself or close aides during the premier's visit to the United States last month.

Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, described Pollard's recruitment in an Israel Radio interview as "a foolish endeavour, probably an unnecessary and corrupting. If in fact this fellow was compromised and corrupted, I think most of us feel it was an improper thing to do." He did not refer specifically to who had recruited Pollard.

Bialkin urged the Israeli government to repair any damage in relations with the United States "by getting out that which it has to say, making an appropriate and forthright apology, immediately if necessary, and move on to the next level of trying to advance common interests."

UAE to build naval base to guard Gulf oil

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE), one of the world's key oil states, will build a large naval base to protect its offshore oil installations, a top UAE official said Sunday.

Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khalifa bin Zaid Al Nahayan, the UAE armed forces deputy commander, told Reuters design work on the new naval complex would begin next year.

Sheikh Khalifa said in reply to written questions that the base would be built about 75 kilometres north east of Abu Dhabi on Tawelah Island.

He said it would help "ensure sovereignty over our territorial waters, protect our coasts of some 400 nautical miles and preserve our national resources, much of which are located offshore in the Gulf."

Western defence analysts say the emirates have about 15 naval vessels, six of which are fast attack craft armed with French Exocet anti-ship missiles.

Sheikh Khalifa said the UAE was "giving the navy at the present time a special importance and greater responsibilities." He did not elaborate.

The UAE, which unites seven emirates including Abu Dhabi, currently produces more than a billion barrels of oil a day.

About 40 per cent of Abu Dhabi's oil is offshore and it has key gas facilities in Das Island, about 100 kilometres from the Gulf coast.

Sheikh Khalifa told the Kuwait News Agency KUNA: Saturday that the UAE will take delivery next October of a first batch of 36 Mirage-2000 fighters ordered from France.

Analysts said the seven emirates which form the UAE spent about \$1.56 billion on defence last year. They formally merged their

troops into a single 43,000-strong defence force in 1976.

Arab states on the Western side of the Gulf have modernised and increased their naval and air defence capabilities in recent years as a result of the Iran-Iraq war, which has already spilled over with attacks by both sides on shipping in the strategic waterway.

On the diplomatic side, Sheikh Khalifa said ambassadors would be exchanged with the Soviet Union "very soon" since the UAE established diplomatic relations with Moscow last month.

The UAE became the second Gulf state in two months to open diplomatic links with Moscow. Oman established relations in September, while Kuwait has had long-standing ties.

Sheikh Khalifa also urged cooperation at next week's Geneva meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"We will stick to production quotas and prices as long as OPEC members do," he said.

"We call on non-OPEC producers to cooperate because the market benefits all, and we hope the next round of OPEC talks will arrive at a commitment by all members to prices and production quotas without any violations," he added.

The crown prince blamed Israel for a stalemate in Middle East peace efforts. "Continued neglect of Arab rights will lead sooner or later to a conflagration destroying world peace and stability," he said.

Sheikh Khalifa also urged a change in U.S. policy in the region.

"Continued American support for Israel contradicts its interests in the Arab World and the American administration must seize this important truth," he said.

Saudi Arabia to obtain 1,000 tanks from Brazil

KUWAIT (AP) — Saudi Arabia was reported Saturday to be negotiating with Brazil an arms deal worth more than \$3 billion, including 1,000 tanks.

The Kuwait newspaper Al-Jabas quoted unidentified Western diplomatic sources in Paris as saying the deal would be the biggest ever between an Arab state and a foreign country.

The heavy-duty Osorio tanks would be equipped with French-made 120-millimeter guns, the independent newspaper quoted the same sources as reporting. They claimed that France was helping push the deal through.

The deal, the paper said, also involved the setting up of a plant in the kingdom to assemble parts of the Brazilian tanks.

The two sides have made "substantial progress in the negotiations which are being conducted in utmost secrecy," the paper said.

Brazil was "very interested" in the deal, not only because of its value but because it would encourage other Arab countries in the Gulf region to buy Brazilian tanks.

especially when an assembly plant becomes operational in Saudi Arabia, the paper said.

Saudi Arabia, along with Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman, are grouped together in a regional economic union and collective defence pact called the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Prince Sultan, the third-highest ranking member of the Saudi hierarchy, paid the first visit by a Saudi defence minister to Brazil late last year. A Brazilian military delegation visited Saudi Arabia and Kuwait earlier this year.

No official confirmation was immediately available in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Bonn has already announced it gave a private German company permission to enter negotiations for building a plant in Saudi Arabia that would make shells for tanks and artillery. The request was made by the leading German arms manufacturing firm, Rheinmetall, which in turn named the giant Thyssen steel firm of Düsseldorf as the general contractor for construction.

300 poets visit Gulf battlefront

KHANA JIN, Iraq (R) — More than 300 Arab and foreign poets put on army uniform and visited the central warfront in Iraq's five-year-old conflict with Iran.

They are among some 1,000 poets, writers and critics taking part in a poetry gala in Baghdad to revive the "Mirbad" Festival, an arena of artistic duels dating back to the dawn of Islam more than 1,400 years ago. The week-long contest ends Monday.

The poets saw no actual war action on their visit Saturday but were told by Iraq's Second Army Corps commander that his soldiers were ready to repel any Iranian attack.

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Sudan rejects rebel demand for escort

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese authorities cannot accept a rebel demand for permission to send a military detachment to the capital as the security escort for a peace delegation, one of the country's ruling generals said.

Chief of Staff Mohammed Tawfik Khalil told the Khartoum daily Al-Ayyam in an interview published Sunday that security guarantees for the mission from the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) already existed in the form of a ceasefire announced by the armed forces in October.

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Seoul reaffirms support for Palestinians

AMMAN (Agencies) — South Korean Foreign Minister Won-Kyung Lee has reaffirmed his government's full support for the people of Palestine in their just struggle to attain national independence.

In a message on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People Mr. Lee said:

"On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I wish, on behalf of the government and people of the Republic of Korea, to join the international community in reaffirming full support

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for and solidarity with the people of Palestine in their just struggle to exercise the right to self-determination and to attain national independence.

"While observing this meaningful day, we note with great concern that, in spite of the common aspirations shared by all the peace-loving peoples of the world, the question of Palestine still remains unsolved and the situation in the area continues to be highly complex and volatile," Mr. Lee said in a press release circulated in Amman.

The government of the Republic of Korea wishes to reaffirm

its position that the Israeli forces should withdraw from the territories occupied since the war of 1967 including Jerusalem, and that the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," Lee added.

N.Yemen opens Africa-Mideast phone link

SANAA (R) — North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani on Sunday inaugurated a telephone link between Djibouti and the Middle East, the first stage of a regional telecommunications project.

The link, which will connect Sanaa with Djibouti, is part of a larger project to establish a network of telephone lines across the Horn of Africa and the Middle East.

The project is being funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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EXHIBITIONS	* Photo exhibition 'Birds of Jordan' by Arslan Kananan et Amra Hotel. * An exhibition of oil paintings by Special artist J. Soler at Alie Art Gallery, Jabal Amman, 1st Circle (until Dec. 2) * Contemporary Egyptian art at Jordan National Museum (until Dec. 10) * French exhibition "L'it-biographies du xxe siècle" et the French Cultural Centre (until Dec. 6) * An art exhibition by Iraqi artist Dia Al Azawi at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Dec. 10) * West German architecture exhibition "New Buildings in Old Settings" organised by the Goethe Institute of the University of Jordan's Department of Architecture (until Dec. 4) * An exhibition on the French television system "Aorope" at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (until Dec. 14) * A lecture entitled "Amman: Reality and Aspirations" at 4:30 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.
LECTURE	
VIDEO	* Video art "L'epreuve de l'objet" at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.
FILM WEEK	* Italian Film Week at the Royal Cultural Centre daily at 8:00 p.m. Tonight's film: "Dancing, Dancin'g"
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ARRIVALS	WEATHER Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology. A slight increase in temperature is expected, with the appearance of low clouds. Winds will be northwesterly on Sunday. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and calm sea. Low/high temperature in deg.C: Amman 3/17 Aqaba 12/27 Deserts 7/19 Jordan Valley 12/21 Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 18, Aqaba 25. Humidity readings: Amman 75 per cent, Aqaba 45 per cent.
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Ministry takes measures to enforce labour law

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan said Sunday that his ministry has taken measures to ensure that all foreign workers in Jordan adhere to the Ministry of Labour's regulations.

He said that the measures, undertaken in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and police departments, are designed to control the labour market in Jordan so that returning Jordanian expatriates will be able to secure employment in Jordan. The measures are partly intended to make available

to returning Jordanians many of the jobs currently held by foreign workers.

Mr. Haj Hassan added that all foreign workers who violate the Ministry of Labour's regulations will be immediately ordered to leave Jordan, and that their employers will also be prosecuted for any violations of these regulations.

The minister also said that a nationwide search and inspection campaign had already exposed a total of 1863 violations.

Khayyat confers with Australian church team

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the World Council of Churches in Australia conferred here Sunday with Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat.

Dr. Khayyat briefed the delegation on the Palestine problem and the current efforts which aim to achieve a durable peace in the Middle East.

He also explained Jordan's efforts at the regional and international levels for ending Israel's occupation of Arab land and ending its aggression on the Arab Nation.

The minister also spoke of Israel's continued violations of the sanctity of Christian and Islamic holy places and also its drive to seize Arab territory, to build settlements and to evict the lawful owners from their homeland.

The minister said that Islam strives to build a fruitful relationship with Christianity based on mutual respect and cooperation.

The delegation also visited the Royal Committee for Jerusalem Affairs headquarters where they were briefed by committee member Rayef Nijm. Roman Catholic bishop in Jordan Salim Al Sayegh and the committee's secretary general Fayez Jaber on the illegal Israeli violations inside the Arab city of Jerusalem.

Lawzi returns from meetings with FAO officials in Rome

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture has held talks with the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) on opening regional offices for the organisation in Amman during the first half of 1986, Dr. Saleh Lawzi, the ministry's under secretary announced here Sunday.

Dr. Lawzi who was speaking upon returning here from Rome, where he attended FAO's 23rd meeting, said that he also discussed with FAO officials the subject of Jordan's hosting of a number of FAO's regional and international seminars and conferences and FAO's support for the Ministry of Agriculture's Community Centre at Al-Jalaz.

During the visit to Rome, Dr. Lawzi and his delegation held

meetings with FAO officials on subjects pertaining to the extension of a project for the development of highland regions in Jordan through the U.N. World Food Programme.

Dr. Lawzi added that the 23rd meeting of FAO endorsed a world food security charter and a general review of the food and agricultural programmes.

He said that the critical food situation in Africa was examined and a report on world conference on fisheries and the use of pesticides in Africa was reviewed by the delegates.

During the meetings, Dr. Lawzi added, the Jordanian delegation met other Arab delegates as well as representatives of the group of 77.

Hamzeh visits JNRCS hospital

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Sunday paid a visit to the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) headquarters in Amman and met with its president Dr. Ahmad Abu Jura and the director of the society's hospital.

The minister inspected the hospital and the services which the society offers to the public. He was also briefed on a training course for first aid personnel which is being conducted by the society.

Hamarneh opens art exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) — An art exhibition by Iraqi artist Dia Azzawi was opened at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman Sunday. Under Secretary of the Ministry of Information Michael Hamarneh, deputising for Minister of Information Mohammad Al Khatib, opened the exhibition and viewed a number of the paintings on display.

The exhibition shows 45 paintings depicting Arab heritage and international culture. Azzawi has held exhibitions of his work in a number of Arab and foreign countries.

The opening ceremony was attended by an audience of invited guests.

JESORS: Filling a gap in Jordan's development projects

By William D. Cordes
Special to the Jordan Times

This is the second of a two-part series on the Jordanian Economic and Social Organisation for Retired Servicemen (JESORS). Part one, which appeared in the Thursday-Friday edition of the Jordan Times, provided an introduction to JESORS and described the operation of its egg-layer farm, dairy farm, and fish farm. Today's article looks to the future, and outlines three JESORS projects which promise to contribute substantially to the development of the Jordanian economy.

The planners at JESORS are guided by two interlocking and mutually-reinforcing principles: one, they prefer not to do things that somebody else is already doing — they look for niches in the market and try to fill them; and two, they build on existing conditions and employ available Jordanian resources to the fullest extent.

One example of the positive (and profitable) impact of this kind of thinking is the use of non-traditional vegetable wastes and factory by-products in the production of feed for JESORS farms. While in no way reducing yields of milk, eggs, or fish, the addition of these feedstuffs to standard diets has led to substantial reductions in cost of feed and in expensive imports of traditional feed concentrates.

Mr. Irfan A. Ruhi, agricultural engineer and management assistant to JESORS, sums up the planning and management emphasis at JESORS: "You have to utilize our climate. It is not enough to

transfer a plant, or a technique, from one area to another. If you are not gaining or benefiting out of what is available here naturally, then you are not a good planner, and you are not a good management company."

Dairy plant

Three JESORS projects currently in the planning stage illustrate well the symbiotic nature of JESORS' management strategy. The first is a dairy processing plant, a joint venture in which JESORS will own about 30 per cent of the shares and private investors the remaining 70 per cent. JESORS will manage and run the processing plant, turning the four tonnes of raw milk produced daily at its Dhuleil dairy farm into the only fresh, full-cream, ultra-heat-treated (UHT) milk in Jordan. A refrigerated tanker will come with the plant, and JESORS will use the tanker to collect additional raw milk from Dhuleil area farmers. Forty per cent of the plant's production of UHT milk will be sold to the army, and 60 per cent to the local market. When asked about possible difficulties in competing with the Jordan Dairy Company and others, Mr. Ruhi's response revealed that JESORS aimed to fill a niche it had detected in the Jordanian milk market: "You know the Jordan Dairy, or the Danish, or all the others are mostly working on recombined milk or powder, so actually the fresh milk market is completely open."

The dairy plant will cost JD 400,000 and construction is scheduled to begin before the end of the year.

The second project grew out of JESORS' experience with its egg-layer farm. Layer chickens have a high rate of egg production for about one year — after this period, they are known as spent layers. These chickens, actually a by-product of the egg production process, bring only 150-200 fils each on the market. Jordan has achieved self-sufficiency in egg production in recent years, and as a result also produces 2,000,000 spent layers each year.

Using spent layers

JESORS plans to exploit this surplus of cheap layer chickens by building and operating Protein Foods Jordan, a franchise of the Canadian Protein Foods Company. This plant will be built at the Sahab industrial estate site, and will include a slaughterhouse, processing, canning, and rendering operations all in one integrated plant. Protein Foods Jordan will process some 8,000 chickens per day into hamburger, sausage, salami, and canned chicken. To assure a reliable supply of spent layers, JESORS will pay 400 fils per bird, or about twice as much as the current market price. By-products of the company will be processed into fish food concentrate for the Arab Fish Company, which is also run by JESORS.

Construction of Protein Foods Jordan is expected to begin in November and is scheduled for completion in August 1986 at a cost of JD 700,000. The Swedish firm Danagro will provide the chicken processing machines.

Hamad Basin

JESORS third endeavour, and its largest and most ambitious to

date, is the giant Hamad Basin agricultural project. Encouraged by the Ministry of Planning, and partially financed by a soft loan arranged between the French and Jordanian governments, JESORS envisions building three complete villages whose residents will cultivate 200,000 dunums using manure as fertiliser and integrating large scale livestock production with the process of cultivation.

"What we are hoping ultimately to produce out of this project is 60,000 tonnes of wheat, 30,000 tonnes of barley, and 30,000 tonnes of yellow corn, in addition to the different roughage and feedstuffs produced with the normal cultivation rotation," said Mr. Ruhi.

A feasibility study has been done, the land (to be rented from the Jordanian government) has been located, and test wells have shown that the water and soil are suitable for agriculture. The Hamad Basin undertaking will be a phased production process, with progress in initial phases leading to expansion. The first phase will involve between 5,000 and 10,000 dunums in the process of testing varieties of seed and times of production. One of the first experimental crops will be sugar beet — Jordan currently produces no sugar and the sugar beet makes a good feedstuff after processing.

According to Mr. Ruhi, there are three keys to the success of the Hamad Basin project: continuous irrigation with linear-pivot machines, the use of manure as fertiliser, and management. JESORS seeks maximum production from the land — 2.5 crops per year — and for this reason has

sought the American-made linear-pivot irrigation machines instead of the more common fixed-pivot system. The linear-pivot system moves across the fields in any pattern specified by the operator and simplifies continuous, systematic crop rotation. Mr. Ruhi describes the advantages of the linear-pivot machine: "The machine will be working always, and the land will be utilised often... no truck or tractor will be standing idle for one day of the year, and irrigating machines will always be working."

When asked about the possibility of over-using the land and depleting soil and water resources, Mr. Ruhi emphasised the importance of using natural manure, and the absolute minimum of chemical fertilisers, as the key to maintaining the health of soil and water supplies. The integration of livestock production into the project, and plans to raise 20,000 lambs per month, will ensure adequate supplies of manure.

The Hamad Basin project will cost approximately \$50 million, and Mr. Ruhi said that eventually 500 workers will live in the three villages constructed on the site, with the workforce swelling to 1,500 workers at harvest time.

As with everything else JESORS does, the success of the Hamad Basin is predicated on sound management. "Everything is dependent on management," hammers Mr. Ruhi. If past performance is any indicator, that philosophy should make these three projects winners — with important lessons for those who are serious about development in Jordan.



Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan presents keys to special vehicles for the handicapped during a ceremony held in Amman

Sunday. The 14 vehicles were donated by His Majesty King Hussein (Petra photo)

Dakhqan points out high cost of imported animal feed

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Agriculture Ahmad Dakhqan said here Sunday that Jordan last year imported JD 70 million worth of products and materials needed for agricultural development of which JD 20 million went for financing the purchase of fodder or materials used in animal feed processing.

Mr. Dakhqan was addressing the opening session of a two-day regional seminar on the processing of poultry feed organised by the Amman-based regional centre for the training and development of poultry in the Near East.

Mr. Dakhqan said that Jordan imported 170,000 tonnes of processed poultry feed and another 100,000 tonnes of feed for layer hens during 1984 alone.

Animal feed production in the Arab World faces a number of problems, such as the high cost of production and the lack of sufficient water resources to increase the quantity of animal feed and this has prompted Jordan to think of ways by which available local water and land resources could be fully exploited to produce sufficient animal feed, Mr. Dakhqan added.

He said that the high cost of imported animal feed adversely affects local poultry production and the production of eggs.

The minister paid tribute to the Italian government for financing the establishment of the regional centre which offers training in production and processing of poultry and animal feed.

Italian Ambassador Luigi Amaduzzi made a speech at the meeting commending Jordanian-Italian relations and outlining Italy's assistance offered to various African and Near Eastern countries to enable them to develop their agriculture through the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). He said that Italy donates \$3 million annually to the Amman-based centre which offers training in poultry production and related services to personnel from the Near East.

Jordan briefs Euro-Arab parliaments on Feb. 11 accord, Mideast situation

RABAT (Petra) — Jordan has explained to a Euro-Arab dialogue session in Rabat the objectives of an accord signed in Amman on Feb. 11 by Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Former Prime Minister and member of the Upper House of Parliament Buhai Al Talhouni also explained the current situation in the Middle East region and spoke about Israel's arbitrary measures against the Palestinian people and the struggle of the Arab population in their resistance of the Israeli occupation.

In his speech, Mr. Talhouni said that the Jordan-PLO accord has been supported by the Arab Casablanca summit which also formed mediation committees to end differences among Arab states.

Mr. Talhouni expressed hope that the rapprochement between Jordan and Syria would enhance solidarity among Arab countries and forge better cooperation among them.

Vanessa Redgrave pays brief visit to Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, a well-known British actress and a prominent leader of the Trotskyists Workers Revolutionary Party (WRP) left for Tunis after a 24-hour visit to Amman. During her visit Ms. Redgrave met with senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials.

Ms. Redgrave, a staunch supporter of the Palestinian cause, has produced a number of documentaries explaining the Palestinian views and exposing the Israeli malpractices in the occupied territories.

Protests by pro-Israeli film makers against Ms. Redgrave's activities in support of the Palestinian people have not affected her career as a movie star or her support of the PLO. She has recently won an award for her theatrical performance in the classic Chekov play "The Seagull."

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King Hussein donates 14 special vehicles to handicapped persons

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has presented 14 handicapped people with special vehicles which will help them in their work and also facilitate their movement.

The gift was delivered to the handicapped persons by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid during a presentation ceremony held at the Amman Hotel in Amman on Sunday.

The ceremony was attended by Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan who said on the occasion that the gift reflects the King's generosity and that the humanitarian gesture is appreciated by his people who are proud of the many achievements realised under his reign.

This ceremony, the minister added, manifests the affection and the care which King Hussein cherishes towards his people and his wish to see handicapped persons serving as useful elements in the society.

One of the handicapped persons receiving the gift was Malek Abu Shanah who made a speech at the ceremony. He expressed his deep appreciation to King Hussein and called on the government to issue special legislation for the welfare of the handicapped people in the Kingdom.

Last week it was announced that King Hussein will endow six International Air Tatoo Flying Scholarships, which will provide

British flight training for six handicapped persons annually.

The donation will go to the British Aerobatic Society which has been offering training to handicapped persons in memory of Sir Douglas Bader, who became a Second World War flying ace despite losing his legs in a pre-war

plane crash, and later organised training courses for the handicapped between 1976 and 1982.

Physically-handicapped candidates aged between 18 and 40 normally undergo a six-week training course and are awarded licences for flying private planes.

Candidates for the programme will be called in April of next year for interviews and medical tests, the announcement said. A total of 12 handicapped persons have already successfully completed the training programme.

Leading personalities discuss present, future trends in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A one-day symposium held at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office Sunday tackled the present and future outlook for Jordan in the economic, social and political fields.

Among the speakers at the symposium, organised by the Arab Women Graduates Club (AWGC), was Yarmouk University President Adnan Badran who outlined Jordan's experience in social and economic affairs and current developments.

Jordan has been working in cooperation with other Arab countries within the Arab League and has over the years acquired a remarkable status in political, cultural, scientific and political life in the Arab World, Dr. Badran said.

Dr. Mawiel Abu Ghanima, AWGC president, also made a speech outlining the objectives of the symposium.

The symposium discussed a working paper on education by Dr. Ahmad Tal, a working paper on economic affairs by Dr. Saleh Al Khasawneh, and a working paper on political affairs by Dr. Jamal Al Sha'er. Each discussion was followed by an open dialogue in which the audience of leading personalities and key politicians and educationalists took part.

The Jordan Times will publish the main highlights of the deliberations on Tuesday.

From neorealism to spaghetti westerns at Italian film week

By Olga Mikhael
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Productions by renowned Italian directors, including Roberto Rossellini, Sergio Leone and Francesco Rosi, are the highlight of the Italian film week currently being held at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman.

The film week, organised by the Italian Embassy in Amman in cooperation with the Royal Cultural Centre, was opened on Friday with the film "Night of the Falling Stars" directed by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani and starring Omero Antonutti and Margherita Lozano.

During the Italian film week, six famous films will be presented: "Europa 51" directed by Roberto Rossellini, the Italian masterpiece "Carmen" directed by Francesco Rosi, "Dancing, Dancing," the work of director Ettore Scola, the famous western "A Fistful of Dollars" by Sergio Leone and "A Glass Full of Snow," the production of director Florestano Vancini.

Neorealism

The artistry of Italian films has achieved world-wide recognition and has gained great success since World War Two. The film style most closely identified with Italy in the post war period is known as neorealism. Neorealist films have tried to record life in a direct and unembellished fashion without sermonising any solutions to social problems.

Roberto Rossellini's works "Open City," 1945, and "Paisan," 1946, were the first examples of the neorealist school of film making. However, as these films have portrayed poverty, the havoc of war and the most brutal aspects of human existence, they have had an implicit element on social reform.

Many of these films were made outside the studios and used non-professional actors. These films were more successful abroad than in Italy since Italians, weary of the war and occupation, much preferred the glamour of Hollywood stars to a reminder of their own sufferings. Being aware of this problem, the Italian producers tried to bridge the gap at home and to widen their audiences abroad and often settled for more sensational aspects of reality. In their own pictures they had stars such as Gina Lollo Brigidia, Sophia Loren and Silvana Mangano. The producers also entered into an extensive programme of co-production with the French, Spanish, American and Japanese companies in order to broaden their distribution. As a result, the Italians were producing almost as many films as the United States.

Towards the end of the 1950's, Rossellini and Fellini were working on reviving the neorealist traditions. Their films differ in approach and theme and their

movement suggested a change in Italian cinema from realism to phantasmagoria and personal statement. However, the strongly political orientation in Italian films was kept alive in the work of newer directors such as Bernardo Bertolucci.

More recently, Italian directors have been influenced by the French "nouvelle vague" or new wave movement and have produced a group of films treating the problems of the upper and middle classes.

Last days of the war

Night of the Falling Stars is a collaborative dramatic work by the Taviani brothers. The film tells the story of a woman recalling the last days of the war in San Lorenzo, Pescara, a small town in the middle class folk living in a small village perched on a hill barricaded themselves in the cellars of a medieval castle where they live a communal life of fear and hunger, threatened by the Fascists and the Germans, a group of people from the village decide to cross the enemy line to join the allies.

On their way through the countryside, under a scorching sun and amid the destruction of war, they run into the Fascists resulting in violence and many deaths. The rest of the group continue their journey and reach a village in no-man's land. At dawn the Americans arrive and the nightmare is over. The group set off back to their own village in San Lorenzo.

Rossellini's "Europa 51" starring Ingrid Bergman, Alexander Knox, Ettore Giannini and Giulietta Masina was produced in 1952. Rossellini is one of the best known postwar Italian film makers. He established neorealism as the most important and influential post war style and this won him

world-wide recognition. Through all his works, Rossellini tried to express the soul and personal concepts of reality. At the end of the sixties, Rossellini found new possibilities in directing for television and has since created a brilliant series of intellectually rigorous dramatised historical documents.

Europa 51 tells the story of a wealthy constructor who is deeply hurt by the attempted suicide of her son. In a desperate search for an aim in life, she falls under the influence of a friend, a wealthy American woman living in Rome who is seeking vainly for truth in the chaotic post war world.

The Italian musical film Carmen, directed by Francesco Rosi in 1964 and starring Julia Migenes, Placido Domingo and Ruggero Raimondi, presented on Dec. 1. The well-known opera was highlighted in the Italian film week and relates the story of a young country girl and her love for Don Jose, a soldier in Seville.

Spaghetti Westerns

Sergio Leone's production, A Fistful of Dollars depicts the life of an avenging stranger played by Clint Eastwood, who is violent and mysterious. The stranger, drifts into the midst of a factional war for control of a town and, without caring about the rights and wrongs of the conflict, he bargains with both sides to kill their respective enemies. His action involves only profit and power and the hopeless townspeople are the victims whoever wins.

Sergio Leone, the father of "Spaghetti Westerns," also directed the famous movies, "For a Few Dollars More" and "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly."

The Italian film week will continue until Dec. 4, presenting the historical film "A Glass Full of Snow," produced in 1984.

Egypt-Libya tension remains

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"Your visit to Libya, particularly at this time when Libya is facing an imperialist-reactionary challenge at its borders, is considered as solidarity... with the Libyan people."

Libya said in a statement issued to Reuters in Kuwait on Saturday that Egypt had concentrated ground forces near the border and its planes had been flying reconnaissance missions.

Egypt and Libya fought a brief

border war in 1977 and have remained at odds since. Cairo was already angry with Tripoli over a recent attempt it says Libya's secret service made last month to kill exiled opponents of Col. Qadhafi.

Four Libyans were arrested after a gunbattle with police outside a ranch near Alexandria, where some 50 Libyan exiles — including former Premier Abdul Hamid Bakoush, target of a foiled assassination attempt a year ago — were lunching.

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Complex problems of new buildings in old settings

By Josephine Zanantiri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The complex problems associated with new buildings in old settings is the theme of a poster display at the University of Jordan and a recent lecture by Professor Dieter Hauser from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Sponsored by the Goethe Institute in Amman and held at the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, both the exhibition and the lecture tackled the present and past philosophy of architectural trends, to either follow traditions in renovations and restorations or to improve new order into established quarters. The ideas presented have great consequences for Amman's older sectors which have suffered significantly from poorly carried out restorations or renewals and for Jordan's antiquities themselves.

Clearly defined in the photographic display were the possible avenues for construction in older urban zones. The least striking approach was to integrate a modern, yet complementary structure, into the existing pattern. Highly successful projects include a design by Le Corbusier of the canal side residential development in Amsterdam and a museum complex in Padua moulded into a Thirteenth and Fourteenth Century monastery and cloister.

The opposite concept of building without consultation to the surroundings is admirably mirrored by two Parisian landmarks: the Eiffel Tower and the Pompidou Centre. The construction of the Eiffel Tower caused a storm of protest at the time, from the "passionate admirers of the hitherto untarnished beauty of Paris" against the erection of the "useless and monstrous Eiffel Tower." The scholars and artists finished their protest with the final warning that even, "the business — like Americans did not want the tower which means the ravishment of Paris and of French good taste." The construction eighty plus years later of the Pompidou Centre provoked another controversy. One

poster of the exhibition notes, "the centre has no relationship to its surroundings, either in height, construction, design, or materials." However, it remains one of present day architecture's most impressive achievements and certainly enhances the charm of its less than genteel neighbourhood.

'Build it and hide it'

The final school of thought presents the philosophy of build it and hide it. Improbable though the concept sounds, with the use of reflective glass curtain walls, the impossible is achieved. The exhibition offers us an English country house united to a low glass office block which absorbs the surrounding verdant trees and almost disappears in reflection.

A small section of the exhibition is devoted to architectural detailing with modern stair rails contrasted with the traditional, stone paving with ancient street cobbling; new steps with old.

The lecture by Professor Dieter Hauser of Stuttgart University carried the concept of new buildings in old settings into the philosophical realm. The professor clearly indicates that problems confronting the Federal Republic of Germany and Jordan would be of a distinctly different nature as each country are totally different. However, he stresses that both countries do share a common threat to their indigenous architectural style by the ever-expanding international movement.

For Professor Hauser, architecture is, "the organisation of the human being in space with the accompanying activities." The area or space we inhabit, maintains, "he professor be it the farm lands of central Germany or the deserts of Jordan, have a profound impact upon our on-going concept of home. Similarly, adds the professors, time and its accompanying technology will be a prime factor in the way we shape our space and environment."

With his excellent slides, Professor Hauser demonstrates how difficulties confronting mankind

in space and time result in culture. The problems of new buildings in old settings then can be understood within these confines and with an incisive comprehension of the artistic possibilities inherent in each object of creation, maintains the professor.

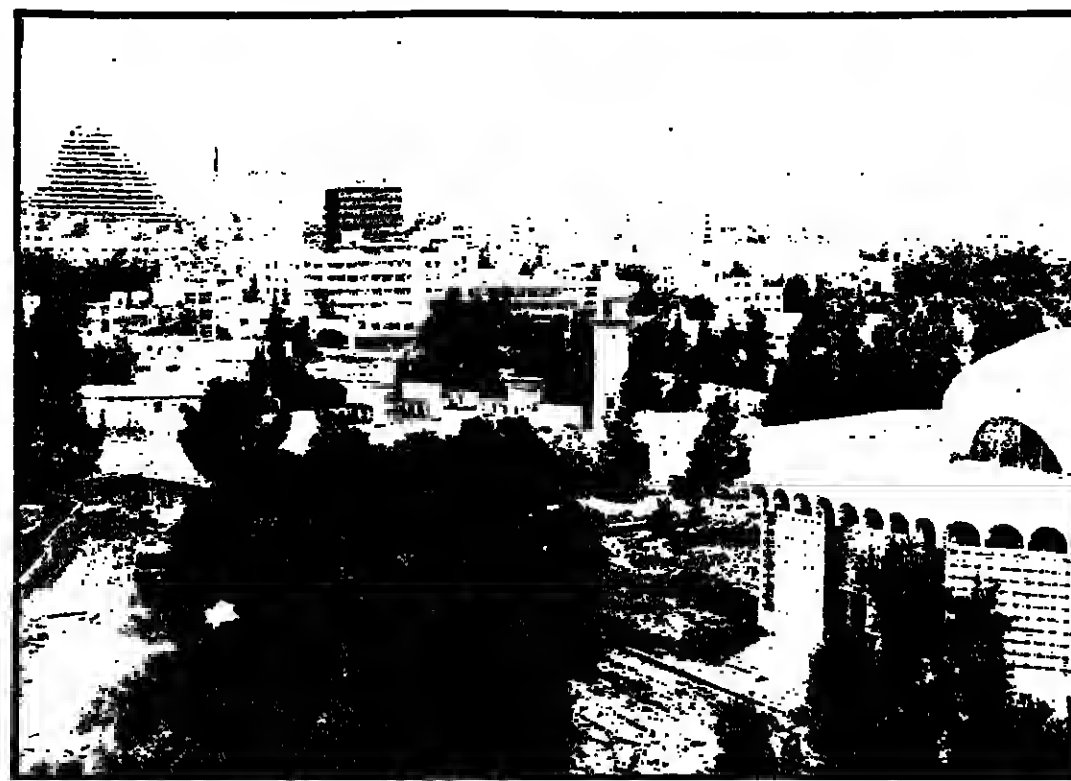
Renovation, restoration

Renovation and renewal of buildings and quarters has enormous possibilities as Professor Hauser's slides indicates. Restoration can involve pains taken in the renovation of an existing dwelling as carried out in the delicate skeleton of a wooden structured Bavarian house. Or it can involve the complete remodelling of period housing. The professor has carried out several such projects, including a charming cottage which, to the uninitiated eye, appears as old as its fellows in the same street. Restorations can involve the studied use of modern materials in antique settings. Professor Hauser offers the example of renovations on a Veronian fort. The external walls were repaired and left as plastering would have destroyed the wonderful patina of time, existing in each different era's renovations — "the history of Verona," comments the professor.

Interior renovations were more daring with the use of purely Twentieth Century materials — cement beams, plaster walls and modern smooth finishes contrasting with ancient rough surfaces.

High rise development

With high land costs, many traditional low-level city centres have been invaded by high rise development. The key to successful integration of the two, says Professor Hauser, is balance. When high rise blocks dwarf the existing buildings "it is only a matter of time before they too are replaced by further modern development." The photographic display admirably presents the huge number of modern buildings already constructed in older settings.



A general view of some of the new buildings in Amman (File photo)

The dilemma for German architects in the eighties, according to Professor Hauser, is whether to build in existing patterns or for structures to take on new forms. Most architectural offices are involved in both kinds of construction, adds the professor. With the approach of zero population growth and existence of sufficient housing, architects will be involved in restoration, says the professor.

For Jordan's architects the problems are not similar. First of all population growth is still increasing and a sizeable amount of new housing is required each year to absorb the increase. Secondly, much of the existing housing is of low quality and unrepairable. Restoration, however, is of vital importance to Jordan's antiquities and the message carried by both Professor Hauser and the Goethe Institute's photographic exhibition have great relevance to the future survival of Jordan's historic landmarks and their surrounding environment.

lakoff and Esteve whose clear bright colours and overlapping textures are a delight to the eye.

From abstraction to realism

Linking abstraction with the work of the new realists is a wonderful print — perhaps the best at this exhibition — by Lapique. Heavily influenced by traditional Japanese paintings, Lapique's figures — the warrior on horseback, the crouching tiger — have been reduced to clear simple lines of bright, beautiful colours of every hue.

Finally, the exhibition ends with a lithograph of the work of Cuco who, during the sixties, was at the forefront of the artists returning to figurative work. Again this is an exciting piece, perfect in its composition, glowing with the pure colours of the Mediterranean. Running up the stairway of a classical garden overlooking the sea which lies still and immobile under a pink sunset, is a pack of hounds — Cuco's symbol for people. What is particularly effective in this piece is the way Cuco has reduced the colours of his forms to some two or three shades which gives them not only a subtle simplicity, but also a beguiling flow and rhythm.

Accompanying the exhibition, which runs until Dec. 6 when it moves onto Baghdad, are a series of video films which explore different aspects of modern art and answers some of the questions raised by this interesting exhibition.

The story of modern art as told by lithos at the French Cultural Centre

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At the French Cultural Centre this week is a small but exciting collection of lithographs made by the printer Charles Sorlier illustrating the work of some of the most famous artists who have worked in France over the last hundred years. Encompassing the caricatures of Daumier, the fauvism of Matisse, the cubism of Laurens, the abstraction of Esteve and the novellet figure of Cuco, the exhibition thus manages to convey some idea of the story of modern art from its beginnings to the present day.

The earliest of the 21 prints, which have all been drawn from the collection of the Musée des Sables d'Olonne, is a delightfully humorous caricature of a "Monsieur Harle Pere" made in 1833 by Honore Daumier. For forty years, from 1839 onwards, a period of great social and political upheaval in Paris, Daumier contributed satirical lithographs to the leading journals of the time. His superb draughtsmanship, his keen eye and his sympathy for the poor people he usually portrayed often brought him into conflict with the authorities.

Following on from that, although from a much later date, is the print of the work of Henri de Toulouse Lautrec, who like Daumier was also a satirist. His subject matter however was not the millions thronging the modern cities patiently getting through a life

they cannot change, but the tawdry population of the "Fin de Siècle" Parisian nightworld. The bright brassy colours, the mask-like faces, the distortions by simplification so clearly seen in this print, so characteristic of his work anticipate the later expressionism and the work of Lautrec, in advance of its time, should be considered transitional from impressionism to the pluralism of styles that was to follow.

'Shockingly brilliant colours'

In 1905, at the third Salon d'Automne, a group of young painters under the leadership of Henri Matisse exhibited canvases so simplified in design and so shockingly brilliant in colour that a startled critic of the time was compelled to describe the artists as 'fauves' — wild beasts. The movement did not last long but Henri Matisse, who remained the most faithful to its principles, did and his gift of combining colours in beautiful and unusual ways and his simplified, highly evocative figures and forms are strikingly evident in this one print taken from a collage made towards the end of the artist's long life in 1945.

Although Fauve in its simplified design, the lithograph of George Rouault's sad horseback riding circus clown, is in a very different vein from Matisse's serene and peaceful composition. Rouault's forms, outlined with strong effective bar-like divisions, like the leads in a Medieval sta-

tioned glass window, carry a weighty sadness that seems to reach out and gently drape itself around you so that it becomes a mantle that is hard to shake off.

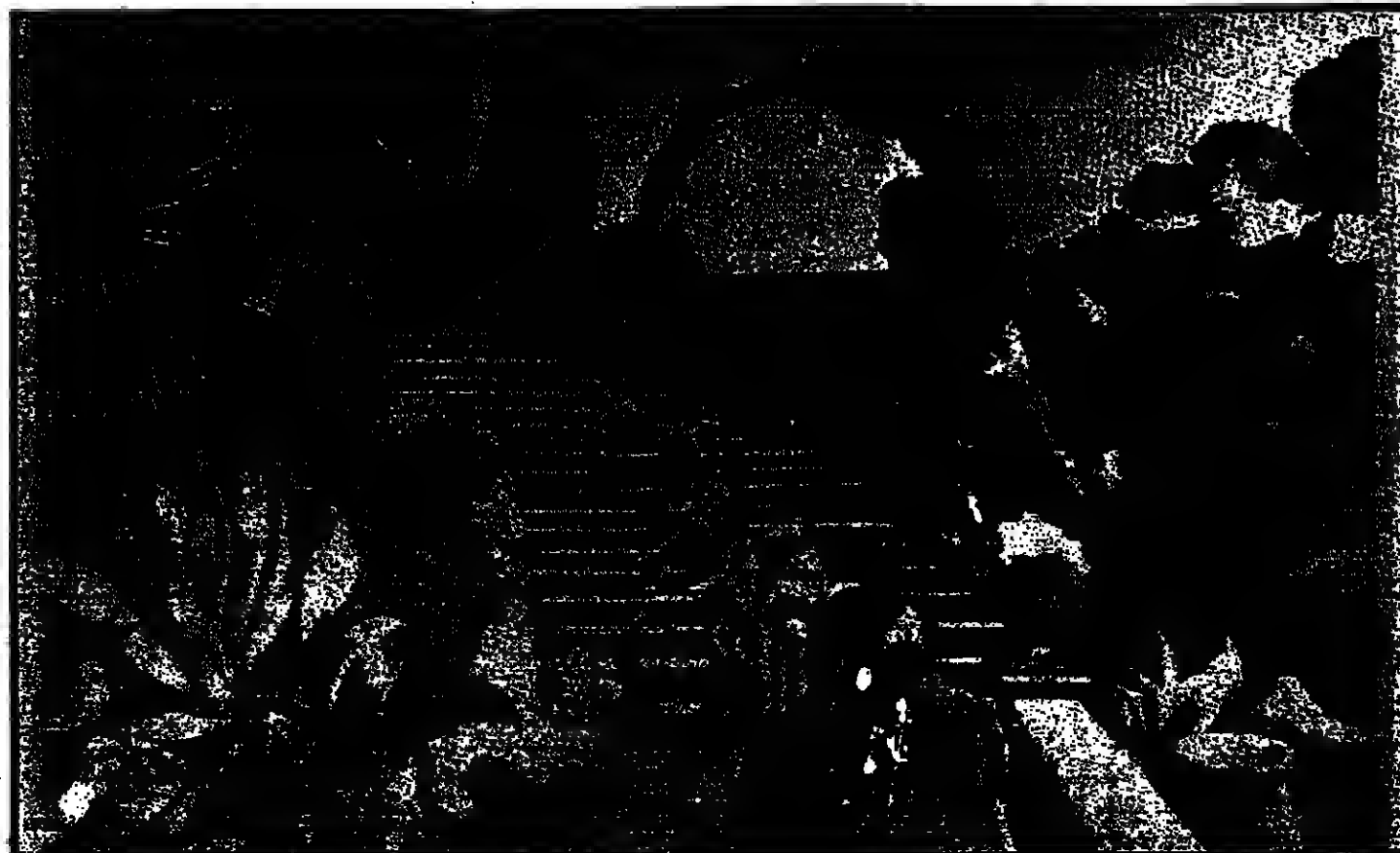
Representing cubism at the small show is the work of Henri Laurens who, in a classic piece, explores all the possible angles both seen and unseen in a traditional still life. The original, made in 1916 was inspired by the work of Picasso and Braque who together carried the ideas initiated by Cezanne in his landscapes to their full potential. The work of

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Picasso at this exhibition is represented by an excellent and somewhat humorous piece done later in his life when he was preoccupied by mythology and the work of his compatriot, Velasquez.

Andre Masson, perhaps better known for his manifestos on surrealism also however painted extremely well, as shown by the lithograph of his work at the exhibition. It is a piece of pure joyfulness simply showing in just a few lines the epitome of Paris for the tourist — the Eiffel Tower rising from the mass of the city up into the wide sky filled with the sunshine of childhood.

Eventually the work of the surrealists, passing through expressionism, led to true abstraction which is represented here by among others the work of Pol-



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The other day I saw a driver of well-known private school in Amman eating a sandwich while driving. Moreover, the teacher, who was supposed to have a watchful eye, was sitting on the front seat, drinking juice. The teacher seemed to be oblivious of the mess ignited by students at the rear seats of the bus. Most of them were standing, some were fighting, hands and heads of others were poking out of the open windows. Strangely, they were making comments and signs at other cars. The teacher woke up, though, at the voice of a young peddler selling sponges at a traffic lights' stop. After a give-and-take haggles, she bought three packets of kitchen sponges before going back to her juice and lethargy.

This is just an example of the daily negligence of those who are supposed to safeguard the lives of the children. In fact, a considerable number of schoolbuses do not adhere, the least, to safety regulations.

I say it is time for concerned authorities to deal with such grave problems in order to put an end to the on-going unnecessary accidents, which could easily be avoided.

Increased student activism worries Chinese leaders

By Graham Earnshaw
Reuter

PEKING — China's ruling Communist Party is facing growing student activism, with attacks on problems like inflation and corruption also striking at the heart of the party's reform strategy. Western diplomats have said.

Chinese student sources say university students around the country have been using denunciations of Japanese militarism in the 1930s as camouflage for more serious criticisms on sensitive domestic issues.

They said plans for unofficial demonstrations by students on December 9, the 50th anniversary of student protests in Peking against Japanese expansionism, have been stopped because, "They are using the wrong slogans."

Informed Chinese sources said one proposed slogan, aimed at food price rises earlier this year which have caused discontent among some urban residents, was: "We have to eat."

Other targets of criticism are corruption among party officials and the special privileges enjoyed by many top cadres and their chil-

Idren. "The party basically wants the students to shut up, get on with their studies and leave politics alone," said one Western diplomat. "There is no doubt they are worried by this rise in student activism."

The first indication that something unusual was happening on China's campuses was a demonstration in central Peking on September 18 with slogans attacking several trends, including the flood of Japanese consumer goods.

Reports of incidents in a number of other cities followed, and the Communist Party responded by sending senior officials on to campuses around the country to "explain the situation."

"What scares the party most is people deciding that the current economic reforms are the cause of the various social problems which have appeared and which the students are complaining about," said one Western diplomat.

The activism on the campuses, although mild so far compared to that in many other countries, is extraordinary in China where the party controls the future of every university student through the

"job assignment" system. Virtually all students are assigned to jobs without being given any choice in the matter. Whether they get a good assignment in Peking, or one out in the backward border areas of the northwest depends largely on their records.

A number of senior party leaders last week visited Peking University, traditionally a centre of activism, and dropped broad hints that those who took part in unauthorised political activity would suffer in the job assignment lottery.

"There will be no future for those who consider only their personal interest," one official warned the students.

Reports in the official press indicate that immense pressure is being brought to bear on the students to toe the line and to celebrate the December 9 anniversary strictly within the bounds laid down by the party.

In a recent lead story, the People's Daily reported on yet another meeting between students and party leaders at which the leaders indicated the occasion is not to be used to comment on anything but the historical event itself.

"University students should hold to the leadership of the party and to the Socialist road," the paper said. "They should carry forward their democratic traditions, but that democracy should be Socialist democracy."

The current economic reforms and "open door" policy of leader Deng Xiaoping are coming under increasing criticism from a number of quarters, both within the party as well as outside.

"Deng and his reformists are very much on the defensive at the moment," said one Western diplomat.

"They are very worried that the mounting dissatisfaction amongst many Chinese people with problems thrown up by the economic reforms could be used by anti-reformist party officials," he added.

What is not clear, however, is whether the student activism is spontaneous, or whether it is being stage-managed to some degree by disgruntled party officials looking for ways to embarrass Deng and the other reformers.

"We are looking into this question now," said one informed Chinese source.

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Rossi quells doubts with two goals against Inter

ROME (R) — Paolo Rossi, the hero of Italy's 1982 World Cup triumph, recovered his form with a goal in each half of AC Milan's thrilling derby with city rivals Internazionale Sunday. But the 2-2 draw left both sides trailing in the Italian first division soccer championship.

Leaders Juventus maintained their excellent start to the season with a 1-0 win over Fiorentina to stay five points clear at the top. Second-placed Napoli, despite the absence of Argentine striker Diego Maradona, stayed in touch with a 2-1 victory at Bari.

Rossi, who hit six goals during the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, showed a capacity 80,000 crowd at Milan's San Siro Stadium that he has fully recovered from the broken leg that has so far marred his first season with Milan following a close season transfer from Juventus.

After only four minutes, he scored his first goal in Milan's black-and-red shirt from an opening by Pietro Paolo Viridis and he added another in the second half with a

typically accurate shot from the edge of the penalty area.

In between, however, Internazionale equalised through Sandro Altobelli after 28 minutes and went in front when Irish midfielder Liam Brady converted a penalty after Karl-Heinz Rummenigge was brought down.

The West German striker, shrugging off the effects of an injury that ruled him out of the starting line-up, had come on as a substitute for Claudio Marangon in the second half and was promptly brought down by Filippo Galli.

"This is the one game where I would love to score," Rossi said before the match. "The fans love you forever if you score in a Milan derby." The draw left Milan and Inter even on 15 points, six behind

ind leaders Juventus and one behind Napoli.

Sergio Brio's 14th minute goal was enough for Juventus to beat Fiorentina and celebrate French midfielder Michel Platini's 100th league appearance for the Turin side.

Napoli proved they can play without the suspended Maradona when Bruno Giordano hit both goals in their 2-1 win at Bari after Luciano Sola had opened the scoring in the third minute.

Torino moved up to fifth with a 1-1 draw at Como. Antonio Comi scored their equaliser.

Roma, watched by their President Dino Viola, who is under investigation for alleged corruption, lost 1-0 in Genoa to Sampdoria. Moreno Mannini scoring five minutes from time.

Defending champions Verona were humiliated 5-1 at Udinese, after leading through Domenico Volpati. Udinese equalised before halftime and afterwards scored four more, including one by Peruvian Geronimo Barbadillo.

Lendl complains too, but wins anyway

MELBOURNE (R) — Top seed Ivan Lendl, looking lethargic and complaining about the courts, joined a sparkling Mats Wilander in the fourth round of the Australian Open Sunday.

Lendl was far from happy with his form or the conditions after his hard-fought 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 third round win over Tennessee left-hander Ben Testerman.

But Sweden's Wilander, the defending champion going for his third straight title, was unworried

by the surface as he brushed aside American Leif Shiras 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 on the centre court.

Lendl, the reigning U.S. Open champion, said he was "tired" and "unhappy" after battling to beat the tenacious American who defied a shoulder injury to test the Czechoslovak fully.

The world number one admitted he was looking forward to a break from the circuit, and then launched a fierce attack on the Kooyong courts.

"You work your butt off to get points then you slip twice and lose your serve and the set. They should call a company now and pour concrete on it overnight," Lendl said.

Second-seeded John McEnroe, who is also unhappy about the grass surface, lost the first set before scraping past Nigeria's big-hitting Ndika Odizor 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Odizor played tremendous tennis for the first set and a half but McEnroe was able to lift his game when it mattered. "What you saw today was a champion who got himself into deep trouble and was able to dig himself out," Odizor said later.

The quietly spoken Nigerian stunned McEnroe and the centre court crowd when he served on underhand ace at 40-0 in the fifth game of the second set.

McEnroe said afterwards that he had stood well behind the baseline to try to mix up his play against Odizor.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Jordan to attend Asian Olympic forum

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will attend a meeting of the general assembly of the Asian Olympic Committee which begins Wednesday in Manama, Bahrain. Deputy Chairman of the Jordanian National Olympic Committee Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawaz Al Zubi, who leaves Amman Monday to represent Jordan in the meeting, said that the two-day meeting will discuss the Asian Committee chairman's report about its activities from October 1984 until November 1985 as well as follow-up of the Winter Olympic Games. Also to be discussed are topics related to the Seoul sports tournament, development of Olympic Games in general, and amendments to the Asian Olympic Committee's statutes.

Fan violence flares in W. Germany

KAISERSLAUTERN, West Germany (AP) — Twenty-five FC Saarbrücken fans were detained for assault and property damage after the West German first-division match Saturday between their club and FC Kaiserslautern, authorities said Sunday. Police said the rowdy fans were released after being taken into custody for identity checks before and after the game. Some of the Saarbrücken fans had started fights with Kaiserslautern followers, police said. The game ended in a 1-1 tie. Meanwhile, at the Borussia Moenchengladbach-Bayern Munich match in Moenchengladbach, 18 spectators in the stadium's standing-room-only section were injured when two iron railings gave way under severe crowd pressure. Seven of the fans suffered serious injury and were taken by ambulances to area hospitals, police said. The iron railing collapse was an accident because no fans had been hawking at the time, authorities said.

Nantes second in French League

PARIS (R) — An 86th minute goal by Yugoslav Vahid Halilhodzic helped Nantes snatch a 3-2 win at Bastia and squeeze into second place in the French soccer league Saturday night. Nantes, 1-0 away winners over Moscow Spartak in the first leg of their third round UEFA Cup tie on Wednesday, looked for a long time as though they would pay the price for resting several senior players. Bastia, next to bottom, led 1-0 at halftime but Argentine Jorge Burruchaga seized on their defensive mistakes to score twice in four minutes and Halilhodzic's late goal sealed success. The victory put Nantes on 31 points, one ahead of third-placed champions Bordeaux, who drew with leaders Paris Saint-Germain on Friday.

Galatasaray climbs atop prime division

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — West German coach Jupp Derwall's team Galatasaray edged 14th-placed Zonguldakspor 1-0 at home to take the lead on aggregate goals Sunday at the end of 14th-round of play in the prime soccer division. With Sunday's win, famous Istanbul squad Galatasaray increased its points to 19 in 12 games and is followed by another Istanbul team Fenerbahce, which has also garnered 19 points in 13 games. They were trailed by Eskisehirspor and Besiktas, which defeated Sakaryaspor and Orduspor 2-0 respectively. Previously league-leading Samsunspor suffered an 0-2 upset defeat against Denizlispor in an away match and went down to 5th-place this week.

England's healthy soccer giant basks in long-awaited revival

By Robert Millward
AP Sports Writer

MANCHESTER, England — Manchester United, England's most famous soccer giant, is enjoying a long-awaited revival which its manager says is the start of a great new era for the "Reds."

United, steeped in history and past glories, is buoyant and booming while most other English clubs still are reeling from the effects of last season's Bradford and Brussels disasters.

Fifty-six people died when fire swept through a wooden stand at the northern English city of Bradford on May 11. Eighteen days later, 39 died when fans rioted at the European Champions' Cup final at Brussels' Heysel Stadium between England's Liverpool and Juventus of Italy.

The rioting was widely blamed on the English team's fans. Most of those who died were Italian.

The Brussels incident led to an indefinite ban on English clubs in European competitions. Manchester United, as holder of the F.A. (Football Association) Cup, was unable to take its place in this season's Cup Winners' Cup.

"Playing in Europe was something the club was reared on," Ron Atkinson, the club's flamboyant United manager, told the Associated Press.

"The ban is frustrating, disappointing. In a way it's annoying too, because we feel that along with other clubs, we have been punished for things that weren't our fault."

Atkinson's team has responded by taking the domestic league by storm this season. When English teams eventually are allowed back into European competitions, the United boss wants his club to be national soccer champion.

That could, of course, mean United having to win the league several times.

"The team are achieving better results now than at any time since we won the European (Champions') Cup in 1968," Atkinson said. "We feel we are ready to go places."

Manchester United has proved once before that it can fight back

from adversity. In 1958, 23 people, including eight first-team United players, were killed when their plane crashed on take-off from Munich.

The team, known then as the "Busby Babes" after manager Matt Busby, was returning from a Champions' Cup tie in Belgrade.

Busby and teen-age winger Bobby Charlton survived, and a new Manchester United emerged in the 1960s.

Charlton and other star players, such as George Best and Denis Law, launched a spectacular revival that eventually led to success in the 1968 Champions Cup final when United became the first English side to lift the trophy by beating the formerly impregnable Portuguese, Benfica.

But since then, the club has stayed relatively dormant, and even was relegated for one season.

Despite three triumphs in the domestic F.A. Cup, the high-spirited "Reds" have not achieved the success observers expected, frustrating its vast army of fanatical fans, by far the most loyal in the country.

The club has not had a single championship or European trophy since the triumph over Benfica. Atkinson believes all that is about to change.

His star-studded team has led the English league since the opening day, although it is being closely challenged by its arch rival, the English northwest, Liverpool. "People are saying that our lead is being overhauled. I don't know what other team could have done what we have done in the circumstances. It's a great tribute to the players," Atkinson said.

"If you look at Liverpool's record this season, winning every home game, they have had their best start for many years and they're still in our wake," he said.

"If we had not had so many injuries we would have had far more daylight between us and the chasing teams."

"We no longer look at Liverpool as a yardstick for success. We have to make our own and I think we are in a position to achieve it. The future looks very good."

Despite regular splashes in the transfer market, the club has a healthy bank balance with 50,000 fans regularly swarming through the turnstiles on match days — more than double the first-division average.

Two weeks ago, the club announced an overall profit of \$400,000, following a British record of \$2.1 million the previous season.

"We have a stadium which, without a shadow of a doubt, is the best in Britain and we are still making improvements to it," Atkinson said. "We have just opened up a soccer museum inside the ground and that should be highly successful, judging by the interest already shown."

Plans are being discussed, he said, to match Barcelona's Javi Nou Camp facilities by building an indoor stadium next to the Old Trafford ground. It would house the club's basketball team and stage money-spinning events such as rock concerts.

Of the club's rivalry with Liverpool, Atkinson said: "I think we are in a position now, after two of three years' hard work, to challenge them on every count in head-to-head matches."

How does Atkinson's army measure up to Busby's Babes and the side that won the Champions Cup 17 years ago?

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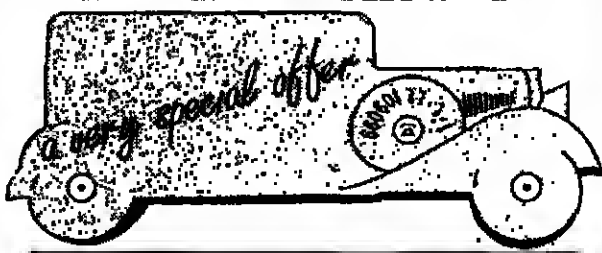
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Sikh extremists kill 3, injure 5 in fresh raids

Tough security imposed on Punjab

CHANDIGARH, India (R) — A tough security clampdown was imposed on Punjab Sunday after three people were killed and five wounded in fresh Sikh extremist violence in the north Indian state.

Police said that in the latest incidents extremists attacked a Sikh shrine near the holy city of Amritsar and a shop in the home town of Punjab Chief Minister Surjit Singh Barnala, leader of the moderate Sikh political party, the Akali Dal.

Seven people have been killed and nearly 50 injured in daily raids since extremists demanding a separate Sikh nation in Punjab stepped up their attacks a week ago. In a bid to stop the killings, the Punjab government Sunday banned night-time riding of motor cycles and imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew along the state's border with Pakistan.

A government spokesman told reporters that other security measures included bans on carrying weapons in public or gatherings of more than five people and stricter

patrols along railway lines and irrigation channels.

Police in the state capital Chandigarh said three extremists burst into a Sikh shrine at Viram, 25 kilometres from Amritsar, Saturday night and shot dead Baldev Singh, a member of the Nihangs, a Sikh warrior sect, and wounded two companions.

Baldev Singh was the bodyguard of Nihang leader Kahan Singh who was shot dead by extremists in Bombay last month. It was the second extremist attack on a Sikh shrine in less than a week. On Wednesday extremists wounded the head priest of the holiest Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, and shot dead his bodyguard.

In a second attack Saturday night, two extremists shot dead a Hindu shopkeeper and wounded

two Hindu employees in the town of Barnala, about 100 miles (150 kilometres) from Chandigarh.

During a subsequent shootout with police, one of the extremists was killed and a policeman was injured.

Police captured the second extremist whom they identified as Balvinder Singh who escaped from jail after being arrested for extremist attacks last month.

In other weekend violence, extremists killed two policemen near the Pakistan border early on Saturday morning. Indian authorities have said some extremists use Pakistan as a base, a charge denied by Islamabad.

Punjab Finance Minister Balwant Singh defended the Akali Dal's decision to free hundreds of extremist suspects held since the Indian army stormed the Golden Temple in June 1984 to dislodge extremists there.

He told reporters there was no indication that any of the released suspects were linked to the recent attacks.

NATO defence ministers meet today

BRUSSELS (R) — The North Atlantic alliance opens its annual autumn ministerial meeting Monday amid cautious optimism that last month's U.S.-Soviet summit has at last opened the way for progress in arms control.

The report President Reagan gave the NATO allies on his meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has raised hopes of movement, especially in the talks on medium-range missiles in Europe, diplomats said.

Prospects for arms control will figure in the meeting of NATO defence ministers on Tuesday, although their main task will be to assess results of a drive to improve the alliance's conventional defences, launched last December.

On the same day, NATO ambassadors in Vienna will present to the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact a new Western proposal for a quick troop reduction in an attempt to break a 13-year stalemate in talks on reducing conventional forces in Central Europe.

NATO will conduct a full review of East-West relations on Dec. 12 and 13 when alliance foreign ministers meet, with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz expected to give a more detailed account of the summit discussions. The defence ministers are also likely to discuss a Dutch decision to reduce its armed forces' nuclear roles to offset the unpopular deployment of U.S. cruise missiles in The Netherlands.

The allies have warmly welcomed the hard-line decision, but criticised the plan to eliminate wartime nuclear tasks performed by Dutch fighters and sea patrol aircraft as militarily irrational and politically damaging.

The autumn NATO session begins with a meeting of European defence ministers Monday, expected to concentrate on ways of enhancing cooperation in arms control to eliminate duplication and obtain better value for tight military budgets.

U.S. NATO Ambassador David Abshire noted in a recent article that 11 firms in seven alliance countries are building anti-tank weapons at present. 18 companies in seven nations are designing and making ground-to-air missiles and 16 firms in seven states working on air-to-ground weapons.

Avoiding waste and making better use of scarce resources is a key part of NATO Secretary General Lord Carrington's plan for defence improvements. NATO forecasts show only four allies are likely to meet or exceed the alliance goal of a three-per-cent real annual increase in defence spending this year, U.S. officials said.

But in New Delhi, a Defence Ministry spokesman told Reuters he was not aware of a Pakistani build-up.

PTI said there had been casualties on both sides including two Pakistani soldiers killed and two Indian civilians wounded in the last few days.

It said at least nine Pakistani soldiers were killed in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir in other recent skirmishes.

34 Philadelphia protesters arrested

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police arrested 34 demonstrators who shouted anti-racist slogans as they marched into a mostly white neighbourhood under an emergency declaration.

It was the first violation of the mayor's Nov. 22 emergency declaration barring protests in the area, police said.

The march was an attempt by outsiders to "inflame" tensions in the south west Philadelphia neighbourhood, which last week was the scene of protests by whites against blacks who had purchased homes there, mayor W. Wilson Goode said.

The 34 demonstrators were arrested when they ignored police warnings and crossed the emergency zone boundary, police Capt. Robert Grasso said.

Kareo Warrington, a spokesman for Mr. Goode, said the demonstrators were members of

the International Committee Against Racism, an organisation he said is affiliated with the American Communist Party.

Twenty-two of the 34 were not from the Philadelphia area, Mr. Goode said.

"There was an attempt by people from outside the city to inflame the situation, but groups like Push and others inside the city have attempted to maintain the peace," Mr. Goode said. Operation Push is a civil rights group that had cancelled a demonstration planned for last Saturday, a day after Mr. Goode issued his state of emergency order.

Capt. Grasso said the 34 would be arraigned on charges of violating the mayor's proclamation, which bans gatherings of four or more people in the neighbourhood except for recreation, religious activity or public transportation.

Also at the demonstration were about six members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) of Connecticut and New Jersey, who were passing out membership applications, Warrington said.

One KKK member, James Farand, said he was there to protest the demonstration.

"I feel it's terrible because it's Communism. It's OK to demonstrate against racism, but not to bring in Communism, that's not our form of government," he said.

The mayor issued the order a day after about 200 white protesters gathered outside the home of an interracial couple who had moved in the previous weekend.

That demonstration came one night after a protest by about 400 whites outside the home of a black couple, who have since decided to move, officials have said.

Canadian seaway to reopen on Monday

VALLEYFIELD, Quebec (R) — Ship traffic should resume Monday through the St. Lawrence seaway, which was blocked when an Indian freighter went off course and knocked down a bridge, a spokesman said.

Repair crews worked around the clock to make temporary repairs to the bridge which collapsed when struck on Friday. The accident forced a halt to all shipping through the seaway.

Seaway authorities said Saturday they expected to reopen the canal to traffic on Monday after

the bridge was propped up with steel cables and collars. Thirty-three ships were backed up along the seaway waiting to go through.

The 13,455-tonne Jala Godavari, which was supposed to pass through a channel under a liftable portion of the bridge, was off course when it smashed into and destroyed a pillar. A section of the roadway collapsed onto the ship.

The Seaway Authority said it planned to leave the ship in place to support the bridge until permanent repairs can be done after the shipping season ends this month due to ice.

"We don't know what will happen if we pull the ship out so we're going to leave it in place," a spokesman said.

The accident occurred as ships were trying to make up lost time after a lockwall in the Welland Canal collapsed in October, closing the seaway for three weeks.

In November 1984 a bridge at Valleyfield, Quebec, five miles (eight kilometres) away from Friday's accident near St. Louis de Gonzague, became stuck and blocked shipping for 18 days.

Zia invited to opening of Indian nuclear reactor

TOKYO (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said his country has nothing to hide about its nuclear programme and that he invited Pakistani President Zia Ul Haq to the opening of a nuclear reactor this month.

Mr. Gandhi told the Japan National Press Club that the invitation was issued because Gen. Zia's visit to India in mid-December coincides with the inauguration of the plant.

"This is just a measure of how open our (nuclear) programme is," he said. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947. Their current relations are marked by distrust over each other's nuclear programmes, which both nations claim are for peaceful purposes only.

The fast-breeder nuclear reactor is at Kalpakkam, near Madras in southernmost Tamil Nadu

state. Indian newspapers Sunday quoted Mr. Gandhi as saying the invitation to Gen. Zia was intended to reassure him of India's peaceful intentions.

India frequently has claimed that Pakistan is developing a nuclear weapon. Pakistan repeatedly has denied the claim, saying its nuclear programme is peaceful.

India has exploded a nuclear device but says it has no weapons programme.

Gen. Zia has proposed mutual inspection of nuclear facilities by the two countries but India has refused, saying Pakistan's weapons programme is clandestine and inspection would be meaningless.

Mr. Gandhi said relations with Pakistan have been improving in general.

"For every step we take backward, we take two or three forward," he said.

Pakistan reportedly building up troops in Kashmir

NEW DELHI (R) — India's main news agency, the Press Trust of India (PTI), said Sunday Pakistan was building up its forces on their northern frontier in Jammu and Kashmir state and the two sides were exchanging fire.

PTI said firing first broke out on Aug. 29 when Indian troops objected to the Pakistanis digging trenches in no-man's-land along a line of control separating the two forces and had since spread to other sectors of the frontier.

It quoted official sources as saying Pakistan was reinforcing its troops along the border and conducting "large-scale military exercises." The sources said the build-up included the construction of new roads, bridges and helipads.

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De la Madrid talks to Mexican astronaut

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (R) — A radio call from Mexico's president has highlighted a day of on-board experiments and rest for the seven crew members of the U.S. shuttle Atlantis.

The President of Mexico, Miguel de la Madrid told Mexico's first space traveller, Rodolfo Neri Vela, "it's a great day for Mexico" in a conversation by radio with the Atlantis crew.

"The photography over Mexico has been splendid and spectacular," Mr. De la Madrid said. Neri Vela was taking photographs of Mexico to determine earthquake damage and search for mineral deposits. "Orbiting Morcles (the Mexican communications satellite) was very successful and so far we are very happy with what the mission in Atlantis has given to Mexico," Mr.

De la Madrid said. Neri Vela described his duties in tending to seeds and the stress test upon himself which has been working well. The Mexican astronaut said "the crew felt ill the first day but are feeling well now."

The astronauts carried OK chemical and pharmacological experiments Saturday as they took a respite from their building exercises.

Astronauts Sherwood Spring and Jerry Ross, wearing pressurised space suits and connected to the vehicle by safety lines, worked in space for five hours 32 minutes Saturday night testing techniques needed to build a space station in orbit in the 1990s. They built a 45-foot (14 metre) tower out of 93 pieces of specially fashioned aluminium tubing one inch (2.5 cm) in diameter and took

it down several times, while standing on the surface of the open payload bay 190 miles (300 kilometres) above the earth.

They then floated freely as they constructed an inverted pyramid out of 12-foot-long (3.6 metre) beams and took that down eight times. Their working speed exceeded expectations and they commented repeatedly on the ease of the assembly work.

After they took down the first tower, Spring said, "This is amazing, absolutely amazing. It all worked as advertised."

Other members of the crew were Commander Brewster Shaw, pilot Bryan O'Connor, biologist Mary Cleave and engineer Charles Walker. The 23rd space shuttle mission was due to end Tuesday evening at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

'Terror attacks' to increase by year 2000

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Terrorist attacks including airplane hijackings, bombings and assassinations will increase by the end of the century, but a terrorist nuclear attack is not likely, a Rand Corporation analyst says.

Increased resistance to terrorists, such as recent actions taken by the United States and Egypt to capture or kill hijackers, may prompt terrorist groups to change tactics or become more violent, said Brian M. Jenkins, chief analyst for terrorism studies at the suburban Santa Monica Research Institute.

Despite fears by some that terrorists will eventually use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, Jenkins said he does not believe it likely.

A 1984 Gallup poll of 1,346 people who held key positions in U.S. government, science and business found that their greatest fear was of a "nuclear accident involving terrorists."

Jenkins believes the possibility of terrorists obtaining nuclear

weapons has been "greatly exaggerated." In any event, he said, the explosion of a nuclear weapon, or killing of large numbers of people with chemical or biological weapons, would not serve the purposes of most terrorist groups.

He said terrorists want people watching their attacks so that they can achieve their political goals, but that large-scale killings would not advance a political agenda.

"Certainly, in the face of a nuclear threat, the rules that now limit police authorities in most democracies would change," he said. "They fear unleashing government crackdowns that their groups might not survive."

In a forecast of terrorism in the year 2000, Jenkins predicts increased bloodshed and casualties as the 21st Century approaches.

"If terrorism persists, and we expect it will, a new generation of terrorists will have taken the field," he said.

Other factors also make an increase in terrorism likely, Jenkins said.

"Terrorists who have been in the field for many years have been brutalised by the long struggle," he said. "Killing becomes easier."

He also said the composition of some terrorist groups has changed "as the faint-hearted who have no stomach for indiscriminate killing drop out or are shoved aside by more ruthless elements."

Killings of hostages, once relatively rare, may increase as governments stiffen their resistance, as in last week's commando raid on the hijacked Egyptian jetliner in Malta.

"Terrorists... may feel compelled to escalate their violence in order to keep public attention or to recover coercive power lost or government have become more resistant to their demands," Jenkins said.

The number of terrorist attacks has increased by about 12 to 15 per cent a year, Jenkins said.

By the 1990s, if the rate of increase continues, "we could see something between 800 and 900 incidents a year."

Filipinos protest against U.S. bases

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — More than 1,000 demonstrators have marched to the U.S. Clark Air Base to protest alleged American intervention and demand removal of U.S. bases.

The march, which originated in downtown Angeles near Manila, stopped short of the base after riot police blocked the approaches. Demonstrators staged a rally about 100 metres from the base gate, an Angeles police officer told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. He spoke on condition he not be named.

Students, farmers and professionals took part in the demonstration, which dispersed three hours later without any reports of violence.

The demonstration at Clark and simultaneous rallies held in Manila Saturday were part of a commemoration of Filipino national hero Andres Bonifacio, who led the 1896 revolt against Spanish colonisers.

March leaders accused in speeches the U.S. government of interfering in Philippine political affairs.

Swiss to vote on bid to outlaw vivisection

ZURICH (R) — The Swiss will vote on a bid to outlaw animal vivisection, a proposal with few supporters among the country's politicians and bitterly opposed by Switzerland's big pharmaceutical firms.

A poll published a month ago suggested that fewer than 30 per cent of voters favoured the project launched in 1980 by the prominent Swiss animal rights activist and environmentalist, Franz Weber.

Weber's referendum calls for a prohibition of vivisection on vertebrates and "cruel" experiments on animals. The government, parliament and major political parties all say the move is too radical and recommend a negative vote.

The pharmaceutical companies have sounded repeated warnings that if vivisection were banned they would be forced to transfer research abroad at the cost of thousands of jobs.

Even the Swiss Society for the Protection of Animals (STS) has distanced itself from Weber, planning a second, less far-reaching referendum.

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Spanish tycoon remanded in custody for fraud

MADRID (R) — A Madrid court remanded former tycoon Jose Maria Ruiz Mateos in custody Sunday after he was extradited from West Germany to face charges over the near collapse of his business empire, court officials said.

Judge Luis Larga refused bail and the 54-year-old founder of the 230-company Rumasa group, Spain's largest private holding, was taken to a high-security jail outside Madrid.

Ruiz Mateos, arrested Saturday in Frankfurt, was flown to a military base outside Madrid in a private plane Saturday night and taken to court for hearing.

He fled Spain shortly after the government seized Rumasa in February 1983. Spain requested his extradition after he was arrested in Frankfurt in April last year.

The Socialist government said it took over the holding to avert the biggest collapse in Spanish corporate history and to safeguard the group's 60,000 jobs.

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Exiled Seychelles leader kept dossier on murder plot

LONDON (AP) — An exiled opponent of the Marxist Seychelles government who was murdered Friday had prepared a dossier for the Sunday Times describing an alleged plot by Seychelles President Albert Rene to murder him in France, the paper reported.

The independent weekly said in early editions Saturday night that Gerard Hoareau, 34, outlined "a bungled plot" to kill him last September at the home of his wealthy Italian friend, Federico Casanova, in Cannes.

He was struck by at least three bullets, probably fired from a high-powered automatic weapon, outside his home in North London, police said.

The Sunday Times said the three-page document, which Hoareau wrote with his press officer Bernard Verlaque, was delivered Friday and contained what it described as "extraordinary" allegations.

"He described a plot involving a French detective agency, guns

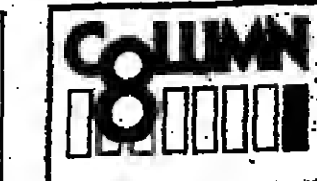
smuggled in diplomatic bags, shadowy mafia figures from New York and finally, Mario Ricci, a millionaire Italian financier who lives in the Seychelles and is known locally as the 'vice-president' because he is so close to President Rene," the paper said.

The Sunday Times said the document was being taken seriously by Scotland Yard. But a Scotland Yard spokeswoman said: "We have no knowledge of this. This is all speculation on the part of the paper."

The Sunday Times quoted police in Nice as saying they knew about a plot to kill Hoareau and were investigating allegations that two men were behind the murder.

Rene has denied any involvement in the killing. Ricci was quoted by the paper as saying through an interpreter on Friday: "I was absolutely surprised by the news of Hoareau and have had nothing to do with any plots to kill him."

The paper said there was also an American dimension to the plot. In New York, it said a former high-ranking Italian intelligence agent, Francesco Pazienza, told the FBI he had tape recordings of himself, Rene and Ricci discussing "the elimination" of Hoareau.



Colombian picture wins Rio film prize

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — An international jury gave the Golden Toucan Award to a Colombian movie that was filmed in the town of Armero before its destruction by a volcano. The movie, *Tiempo De Morir*, was judged the best entry among 22 pictures from 19 countries Saturday at the end of a 10-day competition. Gustavo Angarita won the prize for best actor for his role in the movie. The movie, directed by Jorge Alitiana with a script by Nobel Prize-winning novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez, was shot in Armero.

The best director was Portugal's Joao Botelho, for *Um Adeus Portuense* (A Portuguese Good-Bye). Two film stars tied for the best actress award, Britain's Glenda Jackson in the *Turtle Diary* and Cristina Park of Canada in *90 Days*. Organisers of the Rio Festival had billed the event as nearly equal in importance to festivals in Cannes, Venice and Moscow. But Brazilian director Luiz Carlos Barreto said the United States and Europe had not sent their best pictures, while Latin America had.

Teenage housemaid chained in doghouse

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Police rescued a 13-year-old housemaid who was chained inside a doghouse for two days by her employers, who accused her of stealing money, the Philippine News Agency (PNA) reported Sunday. The agency quoted police in Jose Adad Santos in southern Davao Del Sur province as saying they found Vilma Sumil chained by her left leg, and left arm beside a dog, which also was chained. Police said the girl had been kept in the doghouse for two days when they rescued her Thursday. The agency quoted the girl as saying her employers beat her up, then chained her after claiming she had stolen 2,000 pesos (\$109). The agency said police were preparing charges against the employers, but did not say what the charges would be. The employers refused to talk to the police. PNA said.

Plane makes belly landing

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A wheel fell off an airliner and hit a house, but no one was hurt when the plane later crash-landed, losing all four propellers, a newspaper reported Sunday. The Mandala Airline four-engine Electra was carrying 45 people when it crash-landed Saturday in Medan, North Sumatra, the newspaper Kompas said Sunday. The wheel fell hit a villager's house, the newspaper said. The 500-kilogramme wheel left a 1.5-metre-diameter (4-foot) hole in the kitchen roof. No one was injured on the ground, the newspaper said. It said all 37 passengers and eight crew members jumped out from an emergency door, which ended up only 1.5 metres above the ground after the plane slid to a stop in a slanting position. The plane was on its way from Jakarta to Padang in west Sumatra when the pilot felt some vibration 10 minutes before it was due to land in Padang.

Muscovites heartened by mild snowfall

MOSCOW (R) — Muscovites hoping for a less punishing winter than "the great freeze" last year took heart Sunday from a relatively light snowfall on the first day of December. According to an old Russian folk saying, the weather on Dec. 1 sets the tone for the whole winter, which lasts into early March. Last year was one of the coldest winters on record, not just in Moscow but across the whole of Europe. This year a punishing snowstorm swept into Moscow at the end of October, but since then the weather has been relatively calm.

Pakistan reports death of man aged 169 years

ISLAMABAD (R) — A 169-year-old holy man has died in Islamabad, Pakistan's official media reported. Radio Pakistan and the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency (APP) said Abdul Ma'abod Jilani was 169 and a hereditary Islamic divine of the mystic Chishtia order. But they gave no proof of his age. According to the Guinness Book of records, the world's oldest person is a Japanese man, Shigehito Izumi, who was 120 last June.

GOREN BRIDGE

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SUPER SAFE

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

West leads the king of diamonds and shifts to a club. At duplicate, the play is straightforward. Since trumps will split 4-1 almost 80 percent of the time and the finesse has only a 50 percent chance of success, you hang down the ace-king of trump at the first opportunity and, as the cards lie, you will end up going down one trick—you cannot avoid losing a spade and two diamonds as well as a trump. But you get an average score since you can expect everyone else to be in game and to play the same way. If you finesse trumps, you will achieve a top score about 10 percent of the time when trumps are 3-0 with East, a bottom score about 40 percent of the time when West has the queen, and average the rest of the time—out, a winning proposition. On all hands where the queen drops you can make an overtrick, which is very important at duplicate.

At rubber bridge, you want to secure your contract, so it is correct to win the ace of clubs and take the trump finesse. As the cards lie, it wins and you are home. However, you still make the contract if the finesse fails. You win any return, draw the last trump and lead a diamond—out, a winning proposition. On all hands where the queen drops you can make an overtrick, which is very important at duplicate.

You give up a possible overtrick. At rubber bridge, that is a small price to pay; at duplicate, it could be a disaster.

It is our contention that duplicate and rubber bridge are actually two different games. That is because in duplicate you have to consider what all the other pairs playing in your direction are likely to do, and safety of the contract is only of secondary importance. To highlight our belief, study this hand and decide how you would play it at both rubber bridge and duplicate.

The auction might not be a thing of beauty, but it is certainly effective. South knew he could not expect much from his partner, so he simply bid what he thought he could make.

WEST
♠ Q1032
♥ A10
♦ KJ864
♣ KJ864

EAST
♠ J75
♥ Q82
♦ 1093
♣ Q1097

South
♠ AK6
♥ AKJ10973
♦ 62
♣ 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ 4 ♣
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♣.